



History in the making OLC students find heart in TV production

By Gemma Lockhart
Special to Lakota Times

KYLE - Excellence in attitude, knowledge and skill of television production is at the center of a new one-year certificate program at Oglala Lakota College. Fifteen students have been accepted into a course of study to learn and practice how to make TV productions. Light camerawork, sound and editing round out the required 33 hours of college credits to achieve the certificate.

The fifteen faces of TV production arrive as more than a little wind under the wing for the future of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and northern plains. Understood as a force moving together the class of 2005 takes on character of a mighty river to bring strength, commitment, good thinking, fresh energy and fun to preservation of Lakota life ways.

Charles Comes Killing produced the first football game the class videotaped this season. The game was Little Wound's homecoming game with Red Cloud Indian School. Bridgette Mills directed the production and Edgar Bear Runner, Tom Harvey, Karen White Butterfly, Katela Black Elk, Gwen Foote and Paulette Eagle Staff all ran sound and camera.

Comes Killing arrived to the job of producer like a pro. He could be seen tending to every detail of TV gear and story as the event unfolded. Power cords were secured and made safe for the crowd; a special microphone was placed by the game announcer. His clipboard in hand, Come Killing sketched out and made notes of details from coach and players for interviews. He made sure of every part down to providing bottles of water for his crew.

"They really look

professional out here, the college TV students," remarked a Little Wound teacher from the crowd, "all wearing black and everything, it's like they've got a professional energy going."

Professional and energy are two good words to describe the class of TV production. They are a serious-minded group of individuals, as impressive each one alone as they are powerful as a group.

"To have TV production at Oglala Lakota College is like a dream come true," says Karen White Butterfly. She and Tom Harvey are both fluent in Lakota language and lend strength of the language and knowledge embodied in the language to class work. Harvey wants to broadcast news in Lakota.

Louis Little White Man serves to offer perspective of years of experience of living to his younger classmates. In a recent class discussion on merits of the new and popular Independent Film, "Hero," Little White Man remarked on how people in the film were readily willing to die for a cause. But it is more important he told his classmates, to remember life is precious, to survive and bring one's life to bear by working and making change in the world.

Lance Fast Wolf is from Red Shirt Village. He wants to make change with his production skills by creating shows for kids. He wants to produce "Singing Winds" a Sesame Street style show for Lakota kids with puppets, songs, special guests and stories.

Angel Hernandez is willing to get up before dawn to be on the ground shooting her camera with amber light of sunrise. While producing a short segment about a peer,



Oglala Lakota College television production students: (front row L-R) Gwen Foote, Lance Fast Wolf, Katela Black Elk, Edgar Bear Runner, and Charles Comes Killing. (back row L-R) Ed Iron Cloud, Sara Albers, Angel Hernandez, Amber Montileaux, Bridgette Mills, Louis Little Whiteman and Tom Harvey. (Photo by Gemma Lockhart)

Hernandez's subject was classmate Ed Iron Cloud. Sweet smell of morning sage and white butterflies were all around as Hernandez caught Iron Cloud on camera running with buffalo in the new Oglala Lakota College buffalo pasture.

Hernandez and classmate Gwen Foote work at Little Wound School. They want to take TV production skills back to their students. They want to collaborate with community members and Little Wound

School to bring strength to Mustang 15 cable channel, which is a school cable access channel from Golden West Telecommunications. Mustang Channel 15 can be viewed by subscribers to cable in the Kyle, Allen, and Porcupine area.

Katela Black Elk comes to class with attributes of a woman warrior. Trained in martial arts and steeped with Lakota traditions, Black Elk says she has always been around and involved with TV. That is

because her father, the late Gerald Clifford and mother, Charlotte Black were always involved in making documentaries as she grew up. Black Elk displays willingness in class to roll up her sleeves and do any and all of the work needed to make TV production go 'round.

Sara Niyan Mendoza Albers is probably the youngest member of class. If there was any hesitance about being involved with TV production in

the beginning, it has gone away now. She brought the movie, "Labyrinth" in, as an example of a production that impacted her in youth. She repeated words of the young princess-hero by heart that ventured and succeeded on a journey through "dangers untold." They are words that testify to the trail of life.

Bridgette Mills and Amber

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Pictured left to right are Charles Red Crow, Antoinette Miller, Georgia Marshall, Patricia Brill-Broken Leg and Waycee Guerue. All five individuals were recently recognized by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe for their work in law enforcement and with area youth.

The few, the proud... Rosebud honors law enforcement work

ROSEBUD - Several people were honored recently for their accomplishments and contributions to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Charles Red Crow was given a star quilt by Patsy Valandra, St. Francis council representative.

Red Crow was recently appointed the RST chief of police. He also received a certificate of achievement from the tribe.

In recognition of her recent graduation from the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM, Patricia Broken Leg-Brill also

received a star quilt from Metcalf, of the Two Strike and Spring Creek community.

Also recognized for completing training at the IPA were Spring Creek residents Georgia Marshall and Waycee Guerue. Antoinette Miller was recognized for her work with the youth of Two Strike Community.

Pat Bad Hand, Sr. offered an honor song. The families of the individuals honored provided a meal to the public.

Fire Cloud to lead local forest service

CUSTER - Dorothy Fire Cloud, Sicangu Lakota, has been assigned as the Black Hills National Forest acting deputy forest supervisor last week. She became the first American Indian to lead the forest service.

"Dorothy has had extensive tribal relations experience, which is one reason we're delighted to have her with us," said Brad Exton, who is acting forest supervisor while Forest Supervisor John Twiss is on detail in Washington, D.C.

Fire Cloud joined the New Mexico State Bar in 1991 and began working for the federal government in 1992 as a water rights specialist for the Phoenix office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

During law school Fire Cloud worked as a law clerk with the Department of Justice U.S. Attorney's office, where her duties focused on Indian water rights, followed by two-year interagency assignment in which she developed a water rights program for the Pueblo of Zuni.

Fire Cloud transferred to the Forest Service in August 1998 when she became the regional tribal relations program manager in Albuquerque, N.M. She recently completed a team leader assignment for the

National Implementation Team on Tribal Relations.

Under her leadership, the team developed an extensive report and new Forest Service manual and handbook direction on tribal relations to better fulfill Forest Service trust responsibilities to Indian tribes.

A mother and grandmother of four, Fire Cloud has successfully balanced family and career for more than 20 years.

Fire Cloud's eight-year-old son Sean is enjoying his Black Hills experience, just as he did when he accompanied his mother to her acting district ranger temporary assignment in Hoonah, Alaska.

Formal education consisting of associate and bachelor of science degrees and a juris doctorate from the New Mexico School of Law notwithstanding, FireCloud is well educated in recognizing the human side of government and tribal relations.

"My interests lie in the field of Indian law," said FireCloud, "but I recognize the need to use my heart as well as my head in my daily work."

Fire Cloud's time in the Black Hills is sure to benefit many as she shares her cultural expertise in addition to her other talents.

History in the making

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Montileaux are members of the class. Mills is administrative assistant in the Applied Science Department at Oglala Lakota College. Her leadership role in community and at work extends to serving her own class. The TV Production program is placed within Applied Science at the college.

Montileaux who is a single mother with passion for TV that is catching and classmate Eagle Staff, drive from Rapid City to Piya Wiconi at Kyle for TV production instruction. It is a long expensive way for students to drive. It is a detail that shows dedication.

The class has been instructed to pay attention to details others fail to notice. Success means to "think like an owner - about your job and your life. Owners focus on results regardless of who's watching," according to one of the class texts.

The new and emerging class of TV Production at Oglala Lakota College is a good bet. President Short Bull and the Board of Trustees must be credited with visionary sight and doing a good thing. From four directions students walked tall into the Buffalo Room where TV class is held. They joined the global community of professionals in production, the circle of Oglala Lakota College, community and each other. With TV production they want to have fun, test new ideas, try new things, learn how to make broadcast quality TV and challenge the status quo.

Gemma Lockhart instructed the first four weeks of TV production at Oglala Lakota College, then handed the program off to Jay Roman.

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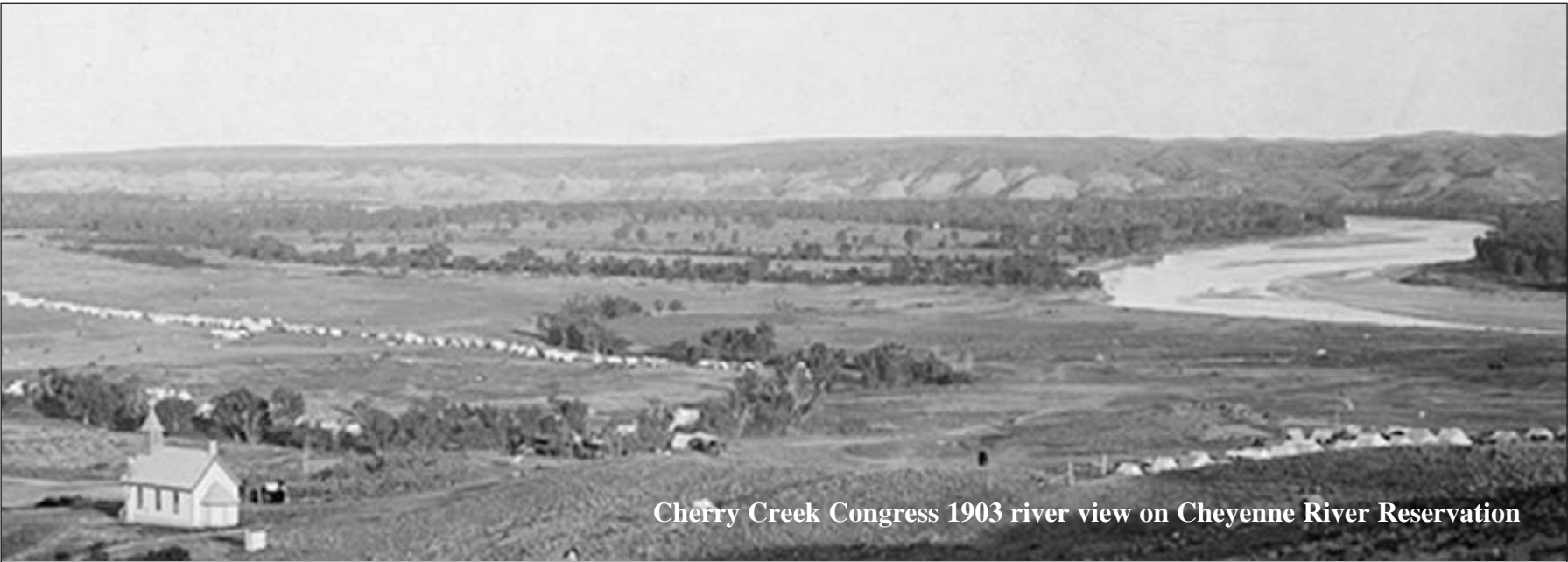
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By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

BLUE CLOUD ABBY - A historic photographic collection sealed in glass plates, which was discovered in the basement of the Monastery at Blue Cloud Abby, has been restored and is now on display at several locations across the country.

In 2002, a team from the United States Geological Survey began a quest for historical photographs and aerial photography to prepare for the upcoming Bicentennial Lewis and Clark Signature Event. They traveled to Blue Cloud Abby in Marvin, S.D. where Benedictine Monks have a collection of more than 50,000 photos of people and the landscape from the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Gene Napier, American Indian Liaison for USGS said after they arrived at the Abby, Father Stanislaus Maudlin (Father Stan) led them to the basement where he showed them a collection of more than 300 glass plate negatives.

"They were in terrible, terrible shape. We had them wrapped and stored in boxes, but moisture still got to them," Stan said. "I talked to a Kodak technician in 1970, asking them whether they could recover them."

After being told Kodak could not, Stan said he continued to preserve the negatives knowing they contained valuable pieces of history.

"So I just kept them. It wasn't until 2002 that I talked to John Hirschman, a tech from EROS, who saw them and said they could do it," Stan said.

Originally, the negatives are from a collection taken by Ambrose Mattingly between the years of 1888 and 1921. Mattingly was a Benedictine Monk whose permanent studio was at Stephan, on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation.

"On account of his youthfulness, he took and practiced photography along the Missouri River from the Yankton Reservation to the Standing Rock Reservation. A few of his pictures remain on paper and 337 were on the glass plates," Stan said.

According to USGS personnel, it takes more than a day to rescue one photo, with 120 of them finished so far. The restoration cost of \$22,000 has been funded by grants including the National Park Service Challenge Cost Share Program.

In May, the collection was on display in Washington D.C. at the Senate Office Building and is currently on display in Sisseton and Aberdeen.

Napier and other USGS staff have been responsible for setting up the displays but the responsibility will shift to the Center for Western Studies in Sioux Falls who Stan said will be able to obtain the funding needed to care for and display the images.

Thanks to the Benedictine Monks who knew they had something extraordinary on their hands, saved the images sealed in glass for almost a century.

Why save for nearly a century

"We are doing this so they are available to the world," Stan said.

Father Stan of Blue Cloud Abby is asking if anyone can help identify individuals in the photos to please contact him at 605-398-9200. For information on the restoration you may also contact Gene Napier at the EROS Data Center, 605-594-6088.



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Little Wound upsets Pine Ridge for Homecoming win

Lower Brule stays undefeated, Crow Creek slips by Red Cloud

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

Kyle - With two minutes left in a hard fought homecoming game on Friday, Casey Cummings caught a 40 yard touchdown pass from Johnny Cloud to give Little Wound High School a 19-18 win over Pine Ridge. The upset win wasn't wrapped up until Tyrel Pierce intercepted a Ryan Pourier pass in the end zone with ten seconds left in the game.

Cummings opened the game with a 35 yard catch for a touchdown in the first quarter; Tyrel Pierce's kick gave Little Wound a 7-0 lead. Ryan Pourier, Pine Ridge's junior quarterback, hit Bobby Janis for a touch down pass in the second quarter as Little Wound finished the first half with a 7-6 lead.

Pine Ridge took the lead on another touch down pass from Pourier, this time to Louis Ramos. The two point conversion failed but Pine Ridge had the lead 12-7. Elijah Whirlwind Horse, a senior halfback ran for a seven yard touchdown later on in the third quarter to give Little Wound a 13-12 lead. Pine Ridge came right back early in the fourth quarter on a second Pourier to Janis touchdown pass to retake the lead 18-13 after the two point conversion failed again. Cloud's second touch down pass of the game with two minutes left in the fourth turned out to

be the winning score for Little Wound. Pine Ridge ended up with a first and goal from the Little Wound two yard line after a pass interference call with less than a minute to go in the game. Pine Ridge chose to go with the pass on first down and Pierce's interception took away Pine Ridge's last chance for a win. As a sophomore, Pierce tied the South Dakota state high school record with six interceptions in a game.

"Tyrel had a great game for us," said Little Wound athletic director, Tuffy Lunderman; "he had some strong tackles for us on defense, went out with a groin pull in the first half but came back strong in the second half to help us win."

"We might have taken Little Wound for granted and it cost us," said Dave Michaud, Pine Ridge coach, "and I will take responsibility for passing instead of running for a touchdown in the last seconds of the game."

Pourier was 19 for 38 passing for 306 yards and threes touchdowns but had six interceptions. Bobby Janis grabbed five passes, two for touchdowns. Matt Standing Crow led Pine Ridge's defense again finishing with 11 tackles while Dave Bulldawg Michaud had 10 and a half tackles and one sack.

Little Wound travels to Todd County on Friday while Pine Ridge hosts Crow Creek Friday night for their homecoming game.

Middletent boys lead Lower Brule to sixth win

Kyle Middletent finished with 23 carries for 130 yards and a touchdown while his brother Kansas scored the first Lower Brule touchdown on a five yard run as Lower Brule knocked off



Little Wound High School Mustangs overcame the Thorpes in an exciting win for their homecoming game. Photo by Anna Bee.

Sunshine Bible 30-23 Friday. Kansa added a 41 yard touch down run later in the game. TJ McCauley, sophomore transfer, grabbed a 41 yard and a 19 yard touchdown pass from Michael Gray to help seal the win.

Lower Brule is at Edmunds Central on Friday

Crow Creek holds on for 16-12 win over Red Cloud

AJ Brother of All, a 187 pound sophomore fullback for Crow Creek, broke open a scoreless struggle by lumbering 18 yards off tackle for a touchdown halfway through the third

quarter Friday. With the kick good, the Chieftains led 7-0. Red Cloud came right back as Darrel Kihega, a 158 pound sophomore halfback ran the kickoff back for a 90 yard touchdown to close the gap 7-6.

Red Cloud's Michael Whirlwind Horse rumbled around the left end for a 48 yard TD run to give the Crusaders their only lead 12-7 early in the fourth. Kyle Merri's one yard plunge gave Crow Creek the lead for good. Crow Creek added a safety in the last minute and time ran out on the clock as Red Cloud was driving deep in Crow Creek territory.

Crow Creek overcame 17 penalties for 155 yards and the ejection of their head coach for a second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for their third win of the year.

Crow Creek is at Pine Ridge Friday and Red Cloud hosts Bennett County.

Area football scores:
St. Francis 42-20 Cheyenne Eagle Butte
Bennett County 35-16 Newell Andes Central 50-0 Marty Indian Sully Buttes 46-0 McLaughlin Custer 27-0 Todd County

Mustangs take 9th in State A golf Josh Mousseaux top Rez finisher

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

VERMILLION - For the first time in their golf program, Little Wound sent a team to the South Dakota State A golf tournament last week in Vermillion.

The Mustangs were led by freshman, Josh Mousseaux and seventh grader Montana Sierra to a ninth place finish with a total score of 798; Madison won the team title with a 614.

Mousseaux led the way the first day with an 83 that put him in a tie for 20th place; the top 20 medal. Mousseaux struggles with some tough pin placements but came back on Tuesday with a 95 giving him a 26th place individual finish.

"Josh comes from a golf family, he's played for a number of years and has some experience in national native youth tournaments," said Little Wound golf coach Arlin Whirlwind Horse.

Sierra had a 95 the first day and finished with 106 on Tuesday for 201 total and a 47th place finish.

"Montana just started playing golf in May and went to Rapid City every Monday to play at all the courses around the city," said his father, Smiley Sierra, Little Wound's dean of students; "he decided to go out for golf this year and now I can't seem to keep him off the course." Sierra plays middle school football, baseball and basketball as well as golf.

Elijah Whirlwind Horse, a senior, and sophomore Jordan Standing Soldier rounded out the Little Wound team. Whirlwind Horse went 101 both days for a 202 total and a 48th place finish. Standing Soldier felt the pressure the first day with a 112 but came back for a 105 for a 217 finish and 52nd place.

"This team really worked hard all year," said Whirlwind Horse; "every day after school

we would go to the course in Martin, the kids played in the rain and lightening, whatever, I'm really proud of them."

Casey Cummings, Artie Janis and Arlyn Cuny round out the Mustang team. Little Wound started with 11 golfers but finished up with seven, according to Whirlwind Horse who has helped with the team the last several years and took over the head coach position this year.

Pine Ridge sent two golfers to state, junior Tony Ghost Bear went 106 and 107 for a 213 and 51st place while eighth grader Mike Twiss scored a 136 and 122 for a 258 and 56th place.

Todd County finished up 10th in the team competition and included Ernie Whipple 100, 93 for 193 and 38th place, Alex Prue 96, 100 for 196 and 44th, Tinyman Lafferty 113, 115 for 228 and 53rd and Paris Bordeaux 130 122 for 252 and 55th place.



Golf coach Arlin Whirlwind Horse, Josh Mousseaux, Elijah Whirlwind Horse, Jordan Standing Soldier and Montana Sierra. (Photo courtesy of Arlin Whirlwind Horse)

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Todd County, McLaughlin, Red Cloud top schools sending student athletes to college

Basketball takes eight, four for football, three for golf and one for baseball

By Tom Crash
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KYLE - "You know I could of done high school 20 times harder than I did," said Amber Sierra, a 2004 graduate of Little Wound High School in Kyle and a freshman at Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colo.

"I ended up just hanging back and joining the crowd and letting negative energy bring me down and make me lazy and I just didn't have the fundamentals down all the little things," added Sierra who is busy working as hard as she can to make the women's basketball team at Otero. After six weeks of conditioning, formal practice started Oct. 1 with the first game set for Nov. 1.

Sierra is part of this year's high school class of 2004 which has sent as many as 16 student athletes from Indian Country to colleges and universities around the region. More and more students from Indian Country are attending junior colleges, colleges and universities each fall. Now, part of that increase are students who are attending school and participating in a college sport choosing tribal colleges like United Tribes in Bismarck, ND and Si Tanka University in Huron, junior colleges in Colorado and Nebraska and South Dakota schools that compete in the NAIA and NCAA Division I and II.

McLaughlin, Todd County and Red Cloud have sent four student athletes each off to college with students

choosing basketball, football, golf and baseball for collegiate competition. Pine Ridge and Little Wound have one each.

"The first week I really wanted to quit, I was so homesick," said Laura Big Crow, a Pine Ridge High School graduate and a freshman at Williston State College, a junior college in Williston, N.D. It's easier now after you meet people and start developing friendships, added Big Crow. Laura helped lead her Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes to second place in this year's South Dakota State A girl's basketball tournament in Aberdeen. She was named to the state tourney all tourney team and named first team All State in April.

"The coach told me that he would take it easy on me at first but after watching us scrimmage each night he changed his mind and told me I'm going to work you really hard so you can break into the starting lineup this year," said Big Crow who signed with Williston a year ago. After the showing in the state tournament a number of offers came her way but she had made her mind up already for North Dakota for the first two years.

Oftentimes there are athletes who excel not only on the playing field but in the classroom as well. Ray Taken Alive, McLaughlin High School was named basketball first team all state class B as a junior and first team all state Class A as a senior, then wrapped up his high school years by being named valedictorian of his graduating class with a 4.0 GPA for high school. Ray received a full ride to Augustana College(NCAA Div II/North Central Conference) in Sioux Falls for basketball.

Brittany Walker, also a spring graduate of McLaughlin HS, earned a 4.0 GPA and class salutatorian honors. She was offered a scholarship to attend the University of South Dakota but



Amber Sierra



Mackenzie Casey



Laura Big Crow

chose Minot State University in North Dakota to play basketball and get a college education.

"This is college and its hard especially juggling school and sports, I never expected it to be like this - in high school if you were in sports you could get an extension to get your work in but in college you have to get your work done then do your sport, no excuses, no extra time," emphasized Sierra who finished her high school career with a 3.8 plus grade point average and valedictorian honors. Sierra also plans to play golf in the spring.

"You have to learn how to manage your time a lot better in college if you expect to be successful in your classes and in your sport," both Sierra and Mackenzie Casey said emphatically. Casey graduated from Red Cloud in May and attends South Dakota State University in Brookings, taking 16 hours and working to handle all of the work included in the informal set of preseason workouts for basketball, conditioning, position work, lifting and scrimmaging. Official practice starts on Oct. 15 with their first game set for Indianapolis against Butler on Nov. 19. On July 1, SDSU became the first college or university in the state to go NCAA Division I.

"The intensity level is much higher in college, you need mental discipline and toughness to make it," stated Sierra and echoed by Big Crow and Casey.

"If you want to play college ball, prepare now, run everyday, dribble everyday and think about ball each day," said Sierra.

"Workout all the time and don't take a break," said Big Crow who admitted she should have arrived at Williston in much better shape; "but mostly be ready for a lot more work than you have been used too."

The transition to the collegiate level is not without bumps in the road, adjustments, changing plans and learning most of all. Derrick McCauley spent his first three years at Waubay High School earning first team all state Class B honors as a junior. He more than duplicated that success at Aberdeen Central as a senior helping to lead his school to the South Dakota State AA tournament in Rapid City this past spring and earning first team all state Class AA honors. McCauley was first told he would get a scholarship at Division I Memphis University in Tennessee only to find out that he would need to walk on. The financial challenges of out of state tuition and the walk on status forced him out after than less than a month of school in

Memphis. Derrick is now enrolled at Central Community College in Columbus, Neb. He will play basketball for them next semester and he keeps alive his dream of Division I basketball in a couple of years.

"This is so challenging but it is what I really want to do right now," said Sierra. She was originally accepted at SDSU but chose Otero so she would have a chance to play ball. Her priorities include making the team, passing all of her classes, finishing school then go on to University of North Dakota and eventually go to medical school.

The bumper crop of student athletes from Indian Country heading to college for an education and the opportunity to do a college sport include:

McLaughlin: Ray Taken Alive, Augustana College/Sioux Falls basketball; Cory Kerzman, Northern State University/Aberdeen football; Beau Kaiser, Northern State football, Brittany Walker, Minot State University/Minot, N.D. basketball;

Todd County: John McDaniel, Dakota Wesleyan University/Mitchell football; Jonathaqn Young DWU football; Carl Hunger, DWU baseball; Mike Prue Si Tanka University/Huron golf and basketball;

Red Cloud: Tate Locust, Williston State College/Williston, S.D. basketball; Raymond Ghost Bear, DWU golf; Brandon Zimiga, STU golf; Mackenzie Casey, South Dakota State University/Brookings basketball;

Pine Ridge: Laura Big Crow, Williston State College basketball;

Brocton, MT: Casey Weston, United Tribes Educational Technical Center/Bismarck, N.D. basketball

Aberdeen Central: Derrick McCauley, Central Community College/Columbus, Neb. basketball

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Red Cloud Indian School to study northern lights with NASA program

PINE RIDGE - Red Cloud Indian School is one of the ten sites selected to be a part of program to help uncover the causes of the northern lights natural light shows.

NASA's Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions during Substorms Program brings students and teachers together to help scientists investigate the mystery of the northern lights. Each school that was selected to be part of the program will have a \$20,000 magnetometer installed.

The instrument is used to measure changes in the Earth's invisible magnetic field, which will help uncover the causes of the Northern Lights natural light shows.

The ten magnetometers being installed in the competitively selected schools will provide scientists with detailed data about what Earth's magnetic

field is doing during a 'magnetic storm. The instruments will also help students explore space weather and the influence of solar storms.

Mr. Gehman, a veteran teacher with sixteen years of experience teaching high school science, became concerned about the lack of involvement of the school's students in science, which encouraged him to submit the proposal for the THEMIS program. The emphasis on inquiry-based science and participation in projects that involve students directly in data collecting processes are of interest to Gehman.

Red Cloud Indian School is scheduled to have the magnetometer installation on Oct. 14. The Red Cloud High School's Science classes will have the opportunity to assist with the installation process of the magnetometer.

Winters INFR finalist

KYLE - "It feels real good," exclaimed Charles Winters about making it to the Indian National Finals Rodeo in bull riding. "It has always been my dream."

Winters, a senior at Little Wound School, has been in rodeo since he was eight-years old, and just turned eighteen on Oct. 6 says: "What's next? Well, I want to go to college, maybe in Houston, because that is where my girlfriend is... maybe do something with business and computers and I can keep an eye on my bull riding down there, because that's what I want to do."



Charles Winters

Rempp hired as Nebraska education coordinator

Carol Rempp, has been hired as coordinator of Native American Education by the Nebraska Department of Education. Rempp will work with teachers and administrators statewide to meet the needs of Native American students. Her focus will be on curriculum and instruction.

Rempp served as an elementary principal at He Dog School in Parmelee, which is part of the Todd County School District. She also worked as a principal, teacher and assessment coordinator at St. Francis Indian School in St. Francis. Both school districts are on the Rosebud Reservation.



Homecoming week

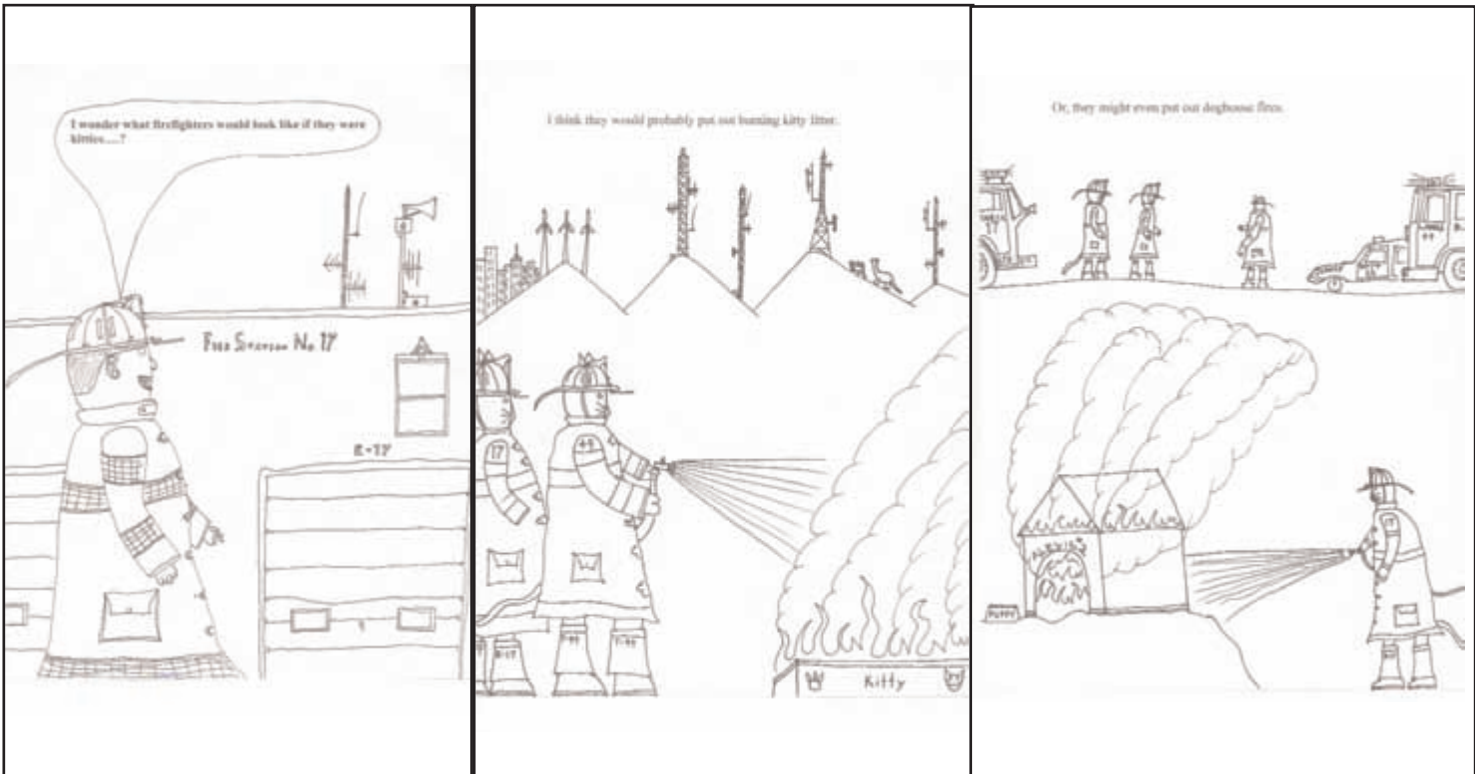
Lat week, Little Wound School promoted a series of events for homecoming week, including a parade on Friday. Cash prizes were awarded.

Homecoming King Brandon Yellow Hawk and Shawntay Lupi sport their Mustang crowns. Vonnie Bush joins in the parade as a clown, third grade class parade float and junior high class entry.



The Rez Firefighter (Peta na tiile mni un yusniyapi)

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Mix together and beat until smooth, usually 2-3 minutes. Pour into UN-greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Frost with your favorite chocolate frosting or canned frosting.

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Sprinkle a crushed up toffee bar (like Heath) over the top.

White Coconut Cake

1 white cake mix baked and cooled.

Poke big holes in with the end of a wooden spoon in cooled cake.

Pour over the holes:
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 can real cream of coconut (NOT COCONUT PIE FILLING)
(I usually find mine at Safeway in a blue can)
Cover with whipped cream.
Broil ½ cup coconut until light brown (watch it burns easy)
Sprinkle Coconut on top after it has cooled.

Dump Cake (bad name-good cake)

In a greased 9x 13 pan dump 1 butter pecan cake mix- (Dry not mixed with anything)

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Melt one cube butter (1/2 cup) and drizzle over fruit cocktail.

Optional- dump ½ cup walnuts or pecans on top.

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Eloise Cobell seeks support

Trustgate: financial abuse of people

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PORCUPINE – Eloise Cobell, a Blackfoot, is the driving force behind a law suit seeking proper accounting of a trust established more than a century ago when Congress broke up reservation lands into individual allotments.

On Monday, Oct. 18, Cobell spoke at the Porcupine CAP office, seeking support of the trust fund issue and stressing the importance of voting in this year's election.

The original intention of the trust was to place the Department of Interior as the Trustee to manage the revenues owed to individual Indians from oil leases, timber leases and other revenue based land deals. The amount in question still owed to the Indian people is estimated to be tens of billions of dollars, she said.

"No accurate records are

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Keith Harper, attorney for the trust case and Eloise Cobell were honored by the OST Tribe with star quilts. (Photo by Anna Bee)

OST tribal candidates speak out



Cecelia Fire Thunder



Russell Means

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk • Lakota Times Staff Writer

MARTIN – In one of the most watched tribal elections in Indian Country, two prominent figures came out ahead in the primaries and will vie for the presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

On November 2, Cecelia Fire Thunder, 57, will go up against Russell Means, 65 in a race to lead one of the largest Indian Tribes in the country. Should Fire Thunder win, she would become the first woman to lead the Oglala

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PORCUPINE – The race for the presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe is receiving nationwide coverage because one of the candidates is Actor Russell Means and the other is a Lakota Winyan (woman), Cecelia Fire Thunder, who could become the first woman president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

In his third bid for the OST Presidency, the former leader of the American

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Supreme Court case a victory important for tribal jurisdiction

PINE RIDGE - In an important victory for tribal jurisdiction against the State of South Dakota when the United States Supreme Court denied permission to the State of South Dakota to pursue its appeal to them. This denial of certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the recent South Dakota Supreme Court decision that was in favor of the tribe's jurisdiction.

In the spring of 2003, just after dark, a county deputy sheriff followed a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Nicholas Cummings, onto the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and stopped him there. The state's attorney for Fall River County brought charges of speeding and eluding (both misdemeanors) against Cummings.

Cummings' lawyer, Rena M. Hymans (Atchison) of Abourezk Law Firm, brought a motion to suppress all evidence the deputy sheriff seized from Cummings after entering the reservation. The trial court granted the motion, eliminating all evidence seized by the deputy sheriff from consideration at a trial.

The state's attorney then brought an intermediate motion to appeal the trial court's ruling to the South Dakota Supreme Court. The South Dakota Supreme Court took the case and decided in favor of tribal jurisdiction and that the trial court ruled correctly. The state's argument was that Hicks v. Nevada changed South Dakota's previous ruling in State v. Spotted Horse. Spotted Horse declared it was illegal for any law enforcement officer off of the reservation to enter the reservation to

arrest or seize evidence from a tribal member within the reservation boundaries.

The South Dakota Supreme Court turned down the state's argument and agreed with Cummings. The South Dakota Supreme Court held, "Nothing in current federal enactments has overruled the general proposition that the State has no jurisdiction to act on the reservations in South Dakota. It is difficult to maintain the proposition that the State, after having failed to effectively assert jurisdiction when given the opportunity by Congress, now suddenly gains that jurisdiction through no action of the State or the Tribe." State v. Cummings, 2004 SD 56, at paragraph 15.

The State of South Dakota, through the Attorney General's office, then decided to file a petition for writ of certiorari before the United States Supreme Court, making the same argument to them. Hymans, Cummings' lawyer, employed the help of the National Congress of American Indians and the Native American Rights Fund. Both organizations put together a team of lawyers to help fight the petition. Hymans and Ian Gershengorn, a lawyer from Washington D.C., led the team. With the assistance of the team, an opposition brief was filed with the United States Supreme Court.

Today, the United States Supreme Court denied the state's petition. Cummings still has to return to the trial court in Fall River County for a final resolution of his case, which must proceed without the evidence obtained on the Pine Ridge Reservation. An attack by state authority was dodged and no further jurisdiction was whittled away from the tribe through the erosion of an individual tribal member's rights said Hymans.

Candidates for Bennett County Commissioner race want change for residents

By Ruth Steinberger
Lakota Times Correspondent

MARTIN – Tribal candidates running for county commissioner in Bennett County recognize their role in creating change for tribal residents in a community where voting has had high profile implications.

Bennett County voters boosted the tally in the 2002 general election in which the final 524 votes from Allen played a deciding role in the election of Sen. Tim Johnson. Since that time, former city and county officials worked hard to make working conditions impossible for candidates who had been elected by the tribal community, moving to oust an elected mayor and sheriff, replacing both without an election process.

Road improvements, racial profiling, youth issues and creating an environment in which tribal voices are heard are on the agenda for the candidates we spoke with.

Albert Sharp, recently elected to a second term as the chairman of the Pass Creek District, and member of the American Horse School school board told Lakota Times, "The main reason I am running is for equal treatment of Native Americans here in Bennett County. Everyone needs to be treated equally and nobody is above the rest."

Sharp pointed out an example of the way Indian issues are handled. He said, "The Allen road is still an issue here. The road south of Allen is nine miles and we have been trying to get it fixed for several years. Every time it looks like we will get it fixed someone stops it. This time the attorney general of the state got in the way to stop the process and therefore stop the road repair. The state does not have the money to fix it. The tribe would use some of their federal funds because it is mostly

“The main reason I am running is for equal treatment of Native Americans here in Bennett County. Everyone needs to be treated equally and nobody is above the rest.”

• Albert Sharp, Pass Creek District

traveled by Native Americans, but because it serves mostly Native Americans it's no big deal to the state people one way or another if the road is repaired. It should be no problem to turn the easement over to another government entity so the repairs can move forward, but they will not turn it over to the tribe so the repairs can be made." Sharp continued, "There are a lot of people in the county who are not being served just because of who they are. We have had people get their roads fixed because they are related to a commissioner. The road issue is a big issue here."

Noting the role played by Attorney General Larry Long, Sharp said, "To me he went above and beyond his duties in his stopping the road from being transferred to Bureau of Indian Affairs jurisdiction so the repairs could be made. This is not about who has jurisdiction over the road; the repairs simply need to be made and Long's input essentially prevented that. The tribe has to have input on the road since they would be putting in the biggest share of the money. If I was on the commission I would

have told Larry Long to go back to Pierre and mind his own business."

Sharp pointed out that after ousting former Sheriff Charlie Cummings, a candidate heavily supported by the Indian community, the county commissioners did not hold a special election to fill that seat and appointed the new sheriff instead. Sharp said, "We have had different sheriffs since Charlie Cummings was ousted. The sheriff here is supposed to be elected, not appointed but maybe they made up some new law to get around that election." Sharp said, "There are a lot of problems with the law enforcement in the county. It seems to be set up to harass Indians. You never see a police car east of Martin, except to transfer a prisoner through the area. All of the law enforcement targets Indians. There is never a roadblock east of Martin, only to the south or the west of town." Sharp added, "We are certainly targeted, but I don't think Indians are the only ones who break the law."

Sharp referred to the earlier election, saying, "We found out we do have power when we vote. If we sit back and complain we get nowhere. But if we get out and go to the polls we will make a difference. Let's put our differences aside and do something to benefit the Indian people. It's easy to spend too much time on petty stuff, when the big picture comes along we have to look out for our Indian people. More than half the population here is Native American, so let's get some voices on these commissions and boards here in Bennett County and have input at least." Sharp concluded, "If Indians get out and vote for Indians we will have some representation on the boards here in Bennett County."

Newton Cummings is also running

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Cecelia Fire Thunder:

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Fire Thunder, brings with her more than 45 years experience working in areas of tribal leadership and health care and is known throughout Indian country for her ability to facilitate groups and bring people together.

“To me being the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe is going to be one of the greatest things I will ever do, to be able to put into practice all the things I have learned about community change. To me being the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe is about bringing people together to find solutions as we move ahead, because this is the time to do that. Ultimately my vision is that I want to leave a better world for those that are yet to come,” she said.

The first thing on Fire Thunder’s agenda, should she win the presidency, would be, “To have some really powerful prayer ceremonies and do some collective prayer for all the new council people and the people across the reservation, because times are hard right now.”

Within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation she sees that there are many positive things, but at the same time recognizes many challenges. She said the biggest challenge she would face would be the financial situation.

“One of the first things that we have to do as a tribe, a new council and new executives is to take the time to really pull all the data out and put it on top of the table and take a hard look at it and really began to understand the financial situation,” she said.

True to her experience and ability in coalition building she said, “I am just one person out of a team of people and I am expecting us to work together. The role of leadership is to find

solutions and one of the greatest challenges for us is to bring hope back to our people and to bring trust back to leadership, because people elect us to find solutions, elect us to find resources.”

She recognizes the importance of formulating a plan to deal effectively with the budget, “For the first thirty days I will ask tribal council to really take a hard look at where we are financially and programmatically and once we get a handle on where we are, then we can sit down and began to plan.”

Separation of Powers

“In order for our laws to be enforced we need to strengthen our judicial system. One of the many challenges that faces us right now is we can’t enforce certain things. So we need a separation of powers to keep tribal council out of the business of the courts,” she said.

Fire Thunder said she is currently in dialog with tribal council candidates on how to separate the branches of tribal government and that it comes down to understanding roles better.

She spoke about assessments which have already been done on the court system and the need to use those assessments to strengthen the court system and enforce a separation of powers.

Drug use and gangs

“We need to do a lot of public education about gangs because there is a lot of denial amongst family members that their child is in gang. In every district we need to let people know that we do have gangs,” she said.

According to Fire Thunder,

“You can’t mandate honesty, ethics are within.”

• *Cecelia Fire Thunder*

reservation gangs went from being non-violent and less organized to becoming more sophisticated. “They’re buying into the value of the outside gangs and dealing with the drugs. It’s a really big challenge.”

“I as the president can facilitate the continuing dialog between law enforcement, the community, the schools to really begin to address the issue of gangs,” she said.

She recognized that schools need a strong policy on dress and against showing gang colors to ensure that their permeation in the schools is limited. She said the greatest deterrent to gangs is to put a family in parent involvement programs.

The Court System

When asked whether she supported a separation of the court system into civil and criminal courts she said that was one of the issues that came out of previous court assessments and that it would involve money.

“These things require a complete revamping of our entire system—it’s doable, anything that we are talking about is doable and people have already been talking about it. It’s a matter of pulling all those people together and really getting the tribal council to support that change,” she said.

Education

Fire Thunder said she is aware of the problems with the high drop-out rates, “Again this is something that we have been talking about for the last five years. The drop out rate is a very big challenge. I know intimately the dialog because of being on the school board,” and that there are creative ways to keep kids in school.

She also recognizes that sometimes children fall between the cracks because of family situations and said, “That really breaks my heart to think we were not able to reach somebody and help keep them in school.”

“But one thing I really do want to be clear about is we have many challenges. It’s one thing to have a really good school system, but we have the challenges of the social conditions of children’s lives, the family crisis that go on in their homes—the drinking—the violence,” Fire Thunder said.

She said many children have been abused, mentally, emotionally, physically and sexually and when children are hurt and are traumatized it is difficult for them to perform well and stay in school.

“So, I am not saying all dropouts are traumatized children, however, when you take a look at the rates of violence and drinking in our communities for sure the attendant effects are the impacts on the children,” she said.

Would she we support incarcerating parents that do not take responsibility for keeping their children in school?

“I am at a place in my life where punishing people just doesn’t cut it. When you take a look at our systems in the world, the United States, Pine Ridge Indian reservation we have a lot of punitive measures for things and—we are still in bad shape. I think it is about investing more in supporting

our families and not punishing anybody until absolutely necessary,” she added.

Health Care

“One of the things is—it’s a treaty obligation and we as the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the second largest tribe in the United States, we have two treaties to substantiate the obligation of the United States government to provide health care to our people. What we need to be doing as a tribe is to exert out treaty obligation rights,” Fire Thunder said.

But she also said that the tribal leaders must go beyond just exerting treaty rights and must be proactive, “We as a tribe need to go beyond our own senators, we need to educate everybody. Election year and here comes January, we will get a whole new slew of congressman and senators from other parts of the United States.”

“We have a lot of educating to do, we cannot go through life assuming every legislator knows about treaties, even the president doesn’t know that,” she said laughing.

Fire Thunder said the second part of health care is to teach people responsibility for their own health and well being, “It’s about getting people to love themselves and when you love yourself you are not going to abuse yourself, you’re going to take good care of your self.”

Economic development

When it comes to economic development, Fire Thunder said Lakota Fund and the Empowerment Zone have already gathered a lot of information, “We have a number of research studies done, that the tribal council needs to know and understand. They’ve evaluated and assessed this reservation. There are some really

good ideas that already exist on paper. The information is already out there, we don’t have to remake the wheel.”

She said the Oglala Sioux tribe is not responsible for providing jobs however they have the responsibility in finding resources to help people create small businesses to provide jobs.

“We’re talking about sustainability and longevity. We’re talking about every district actualizing their inherent right to organize. Every district has the capacity to be a little government in their community, every district has the capacity to write grants, every district has the capacity to expand its infrastructure to build buildings and create businesses,” she said so that people can stay in their own communities and walk to work if they have to.

Because of the high turn over rate for jobs on the reservation she said, “What we need to be doing is adding curriculum in our schools to start teaching our young people how to work, work ethics, how to go to work and keep a job. We come from a society right now where there are very few role models on people who work,” she said.

Politics

Fire Thunder said she is not about running other candidates down to win the election, “If you want to know something about the other candidates—you will need to ask them yourself.”

She said seeking the presidency for her is about trust building, “A president needs to be a trustworthy person. It’s about honesty—how honest you are in here,” as she pointed to her heart. “You can’t mandate honesty, ethics are within.”

Russell Means:

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Indian Movement brings with him many years of experience in public relations. Over the years he has proved himself to be a strong voice for Indian people and their issues.

Means said one outstanding factor that led him to vie for the presidency of one of the largest Indian tribes in the nation is, “The blatant graft and corruption on this reservation, which gets worse from one administration to the next and therefore jeopardizes our land base, our sovereignty and everything that makes us a distinct people.”

Should he be successful Means said, “The biggest challenge I will face is probably the tribal council because I am going to be seeking immediate constitutional change at the very first council meeting. There is going to be only two things on the agenda, to separate the tribal court into a separate entity and then secondly is to immediately pass laws that protect investments and business on the reservation.”

Although he believes every issue is important, he said, “I can only do so much in two years, consequently I have priorities. The first priority is to establish a bank—that is already the in works—provided we have a separate court system with business law protection.”

Other priorities he listed include building 17 or 18 skate board parks across the reservation, to enforce program guidelines and to do away with the general fund.

“The other thing is to get rid of the ‘slush fund’ that invites corruption and graft and that’s the general fund. I have been a practicing accountant all my life and the very worst thing you can do is create a general fund, then you create Enron’s, then you create tribal councils,” he said then emphasized

that a line item budget is “absolutely necessary for this reservation to continue to exist.”

“If you have a budget that has line items expenditures, you cannot graft and corrupt. At least there is a footprint if anybody steals, grafts or corrupts you can prosecute because there is a footprint,” he added.

Drug Use and Gangs

When asked if he had a plan to address the issue of illegal drug use on the reservation, especially cocaine he said, “Of course I have a plan, because I addressed those very same issues when I lived on the Navajo reservation for ten years. My ex-wife and I worked with the gangs of Ft. Defiance and Window Rock—with great success.”

He said the number one thing to look at is the positives: “What is a gang? A gang is young people who have organized, set down their own laws and lived by those laws. And if those laws aren’t lived up to—they have forms of punishment. This is fantastic,”

Means said he would take that same concept into the school system and into the community and have the youth organize, choose their own leaders, make their own laws and enforce their laws, “My God—you turn that positive result of what gangs are doing into something good and you’ve got a fantastic community.”

The Court System

When questioned about the overburdened court system on the reservation and whether or not there should be a separate criminal and civil court he said, “Very definitely, I believe there should be com-

“The blatant graft and corruption on this reservation, which gets worse from one administration to the next and therefore jeopardizes our land base, our sovereignty and everything that makes us a distinct people.”

• *Russell Means*

munity courts, but all of this takes constitutional change. What you’re asking me, concerning the court system takes that first meeting I talked about. It will also take a very comprehensive constitutional change.”

Education

His plan to address the drop out rate and problems with education would be to re-enforce Public Law 638, “If you read Public Law 638, that was intended for when we contract and we take over a program, that’s our program. It’s not the state of South Dakota’s, it’s not the federal governments—it’s our program—according to the dictates of 638.”

“Therefore we would accredit our own schools, we would determine what the curriculum is and it would be like private schools, the Catholics have them on this reservation. And our own schools would be better than the public schools, because the public schools are guilty of dummying down America,” he said.

Should he win the presidency, Means said he would meet with all the school boards, and

would meet with them here on the reservation and not in Rapid City and find out what they expect. He would empower the parents to have input into the budget and the curriculum and what they want for their children.

“You will have massive involvement and this is what every school board wants. I am confident that our own people would have a higher standard and expect higher performance from our youth than the white man does,” he said.

When he was asked if he supports holding parents accountable for their children’s school attendance by jailing the parents he said, “I’m not a republican, I don’t believe you can force people into being good.”

He called for the establishment of a trade school that would provide training pertinent to the needs of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and said he would create a climate of opportunity and choice.

Health Care

“This is what the American Indian Movement was all about and what I’m all about. The United States of America portends to the world and to its population that this is nation of laws, but you and I know—that’s a lie,” Means said. “They don’t live up to their own constitution when it comes to us.”

He said he attended the grand opening of the Pine Ridge Comprehensive Health Care Center and heard the rhetoric of the people from Washington D.C. who promised the reservation would have a comprehensive health care center staffed with pediatricians, dentists and surgeons.

“So what we are going to do as a nation, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation along with the other reservations on the northern plains is—we are

going to demand that they provide comprehensive health care like they do in Arizona. I just re-read the 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty and they have a treaty obligation—education and health is guaranteed,” he said.

Economic Development

On the issue of economic development Means reiterated his commitment to establish a bank, “People say ‘what good is a bank going to do us?’ Banks loan out about 40 percent of their deposits, so if you have \$1 million deposited into your bank, \$400,000 is immediately available for loans.”

Means said he would support small businesses on the reservation, “I don’t want to see a Walmart. I want Indians to go into business. I want us to have no reason to go to Chadron or Rapid City.”

“Buying Indian”

When it comes to obtaining goods and services from Indian owned businesses Means said he would hold tribal programs responsible, “Understand what a leader does. A good leader knows how to delegate authority. For example, property and supply would be responsible for seeking out those Indian firms that we can buy from and I want to hold them to that responsibility.”

Administration

He said his administration would seek out ways to improve the life of the people, “Within months, everyone will be proud to work for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, proud that they are Oglala again, so proud that they are serving the Oglalas that they will all want to do a better job. The only way that you can do that is to empower the people.”

He said he would not fire

anyone, but would provide incentives to reach short term and long term goals, “You will get incentives to reach those goals like bonuses, extra leave and other innovative ways to increase productivity among tribal employees.”

“The most important part of being a good leader on Pine Ridge—is to keep the people informed,” and said he would broadcast a live weekly radio program that would tell everyone how much money is being spent that week, who is spending it, where they are spending it and why they are spending it.

Politics

When asked if he supports President Bush Means said, “I don’t support any president of the United States until such time that they live up to their own laws and that’s just a fact. I want our Black Hills back, I want all our land back, Bennett County should be returned to us.”

When asked why he was a Republican when it appears Republicans in high office do not support Indian sovereignty issues he answered, “I select the politicians that can best serve the Lakota people. I am not a Republican, I am a Lakota. I was on the radio show constantly for three solid months, telling people to think Lakota, not Democrat or Republican and see who is best for us and Daschle hasn’t been best for us.”

Means said he would advocate for change should he be elected to serve as president of one of the largest Indian Tribes in the Nation, “I am the only candidate that has ever done anything for this reservation and in the last forty years, I am the only one that is going to take a pay cut. If you want the same ol’ same ol’ then don’t vote for me—if you want change—then you should vote for me.”

OST primary election official results

PRESIDENT OFFICIAL RESULTS		RESULTS		EAGLE NEST DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS	
Harold D. Salway	453	Lyle Jack	223*	Alice Perkins	102
Russel Means	994	Will Peters	308*	*indicates the 4 candidates that will be on the general election ballot November 2nd	
Ivan G. Bettelyoun	94	Garry Janis	181*	EAGLE NEST DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS	
Wilbur Between Lodges	319	Pamela Clifford-Janis	74	Jim Meeks	120*
Ken Steele	30	Richard Bark	51	Paul Rooks	28
Javan "Tony" Ten Fingers	2	Irving Provost, St.	106	Jerome High Horse	18
John Yellow Bird-Steele	442	*indicates the 6 candidates that will be on the general election ballot November 2nd.		Annette Stands	33*
Cecelia Fire Thunder	636	WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Blaine Little Thunder	27
Frank "Popo" Means	317	Clayton Graham	59	Thomas Poor Bear	117*
Anita Ecoffey	115	Kathy Janis	110 *	Ruth Brown	118*
Theresa "Huck" Two Bulls	398	Donald Steele, Jr.	61	Donna Amiotte	28
Denver American Horse	35	Philip Jumping Eagle	73	Anita Brown	26
Ernest White Eagle	14	Glen M. Gibbons	45	Ron "Beef" Randall	31
Russel Means and Cecelia Fire thunder will be on the general election ballot November 2nd.		Kevin Yellow Bird-Steele	77*	*indicates the 4 candidates that will be on the general election ballot November 2nd	
VICE PRESIDENT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Garfield Apple	81*	PORCUPINE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS	
Taylor Little Whiteman	611	Darla Black	15	Dominic Running Hawk	79
William "Shorty" Brewer	448	Patrick T. Clifford	56	Chuck Jacobs	109*
Alex White Plume, Sr.	743	Gertrude "Gertie" Swain	58	Bernard White Face	104*
Fred Sitting Up	327	Stanley Hollow Horn	69	Todd E. O'Bryan	80
Eileen Janis	884	Garfield Steele	94*	Ronald Bush	43
James "Toby" Big Boy	402	Leola One Feather	23	John Mousseau	76
Dennis King	478	*indicates the 4 candidates that will be on the general election ballot November 2nd.		Clarice "Fee" Mesteth	70
Eileen Janis and Alex White Plume will be on the general election ballot November 2nd.		PASS CREEK DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Philip Good Crow	140*
PINE RIDGE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		John D. Dubray, Jr.	41	David Pourier	147*
Ellea "John" Carlow	289*	Donna Salomon	129*	*indicates the 4 candidates that will be on the general election ballot November 2nd.	
Bruce Whalen	119	Lydia Bear Killer	124*	MEDICINE ROOT DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS	
Elvyn "Doug" Bissonette	96	*indicates the 2 candidates that will be on the general election ballot November 2nd.		WAKPAMNI DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULT	
Holly Wilson	148	WHITE CLAY DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Thomas Conroy	144*
Richard Brown	124	WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Lillian Tobacco	119
Gerald "Jump" Big Crow	*240	PINE RIDGE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Walter Big Crow	155*
Carol Crazy		WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Connie Weasel Bear	61
Thunder-O'Rourke	197*	PINE RIDGE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Maxine Lakota	135*
		PINE RIDGE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Herbert Colhoff	124*
		PINE RIDGE DISTRICT OFFICIAL RESULTS		Sandra Two Lance	104
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Closing in on Election Day

Monday was the last day to register to vote. We hope many of you beat the deadline.

The upcoming national and Pine Ridge elections are doubly important this year. It is imperative that the Lakota voters turn out in record numbers. First of all, we cannot go back to the end of the line when it comes to Indian issues. It took us too many years to get to the front of the line and Sen. Tom Daschle is the man who made room for us at the front of the line.

Sen. Daschle reinforced his expertise in matters important to the Lakota people and to Indian country in general at the Sioux Summit in September. He took head-on any question asked of him and his knowledge of Indian issues was immense. We cannot afford to lose this man who, over the years, has

become a true friend of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people. His bond to us is his word.

It is also imperative that Indian voters place their support behind Stephanie Herseth. She is our only representative in the U. S. Congress and her commitment to the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people is deep and sincere. At her acceptance speech in Sioux Falls after she had defeated Larry Diedrich the first time around she thanked the voters with, "I want to thank all of those who supported my efforts. Thank you. Pilamaya." She expressed her thanks to the Lakota speaking people in our language.

We will do a more in depth editorial on the Pine Ridge Reservation elections next week. We know that of all the elections held on Nov. 2,

the one to elect a new president, vice president and members of the tribal council are the most important. The national elections are extremely important because if we do not elect the people who will serve us as a people, our votes are for naught. But, if we do not elect a president and council to represent us on the Pine Ridge Reservation, we will return to "business as usual" and in the year 2004, that is not good enough.

The Lakota Times editorial pages are open to letters on the elections, either state or tribe. Let us know whom you support and why.

But whomever you support, get out on November 2 and make your vote count.

Daschle's power gives South Dakota a stronger voice in Capitol

Guest Editorial

(The following editorial was published in the Oct. 17 issue of Sioux Falls Argus Leader)

The question we must ask in the U.S. Senate race is simple: Has Tom Daschle given us a compelling reason to toss out the Senate minority leader and replace him with a freshman, John Thune?

The answer is, no.

Daschle clearly has angered and alienated conservatives. We can see that from the bitterness of this U.S. Senate campaign against John Thune. He has not been perfect. Daschle's comments on the eve of the Iraq war were ill-timed and worthy of the criticism they generated.

His continuing efforts to block the confirmation of appellate judges - without an up-or-down vote - frustrates the process envisioned by the

framers of the Constitution.

Unfortunately, in today's politicized climate, that has become the practice of both parties. But for South Dakota, the advantages of having Daschle in the U.S. Senate far outweigh the perceived problems.

This goes beyond the argument that Daschle brings home the pork to South Dakota. More important, he has remembered South Dakota, and he has represented us well.

Representing us means more than just roads and water projects, although those are terribly important.

Daschle has been an effective spokesman for all South Dakota interests - from agriculture to the Missouri River to the environment to economic development.

He has been a force for good in representing us - and as a self-described populist, by and large has been walking in step with the majority of

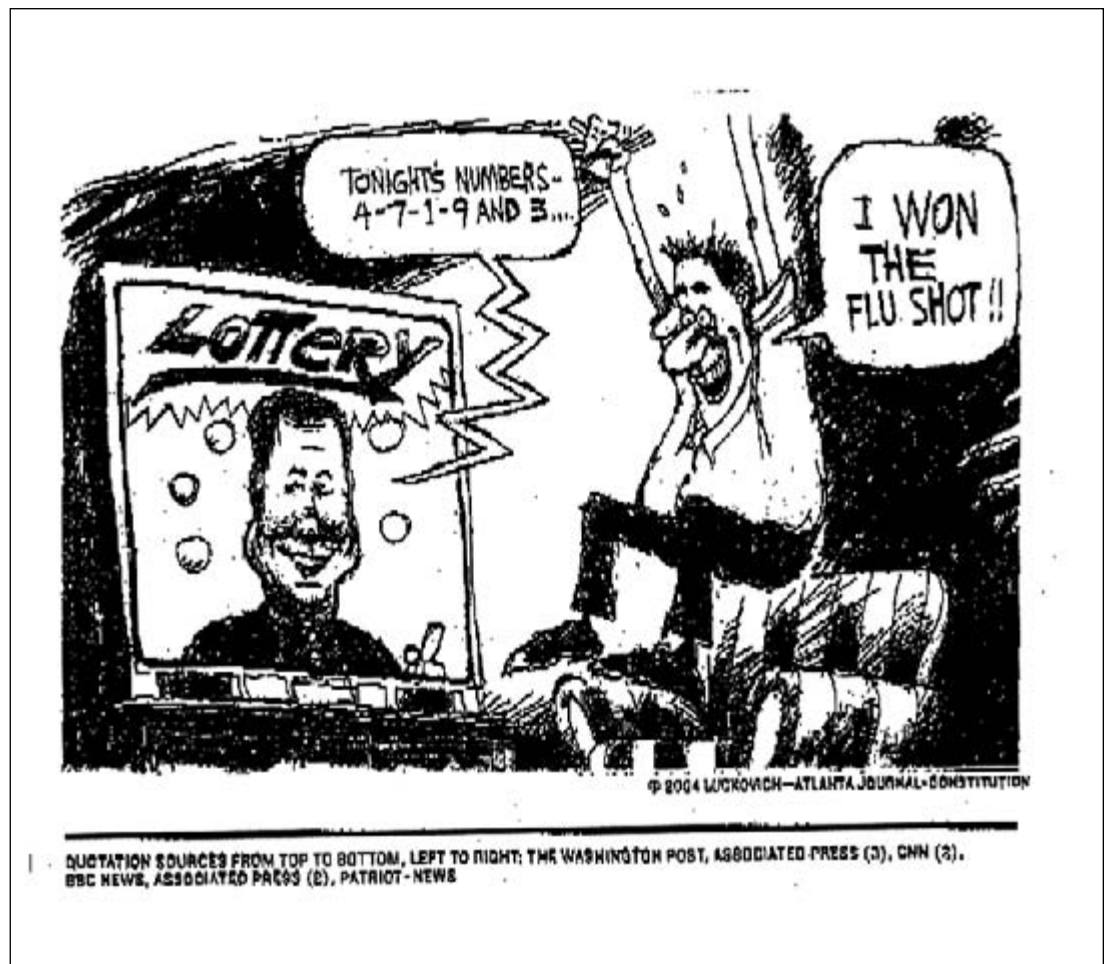
South Dakotans.

Should we not have a senator from the majority party, though? First, we don't know what the majority party in the Senate will be. Neither do we know which party will control the White House.

We do know that if Daschle is re-elected, he at least will be minority leader - if not majority leader - of the U.S. Senate. South Dakota is a small, relatively poor state. We need the best representation we can get, and Daschle has proven over and over that he'll fight - successfully - for the interests of South Dakota.

Thune served admirably in the U.S. House for six years. But it simply is not possible that he could represent the state and its interests as effectively as the current minority leader.

We need Daschle in the Senate for another term.



The power of a vote in Shannon County

By: Rena M. Hymans

The power of your vote changes depending on where you call home. For instance, if you live in Pennington County, South Dakota, everyone is getting geared up for placing a vote in the federal (Tom Daschle v. John Thune; Stephanie Herseth or Bill Diedrich), state (who will take the local legislative seat in the state legislature), and local (county commissioners, state's attorney, treasurer, and coroner). If you live in Shannon County, your vote can be cast in the federal and state elections in the same manner; however, your vote is not cast for a state's attorney, treasurer or coroner - only county commissioners. Why is that?

On August 3, 1982, a charter was enacted for Shannon County. This charter was enacted by the voters of Shannon County pursuant to Article IX of the South Dakota State Constitution and Chapter 6-12 of the South Dakota Codified Laws. The Shannon County Charter states, "The Shannon County commissioners shall be vested with the power and authority to contract with an adjoining South Dakota county for purposes of providing the services of county auditor, register of deeds, treasurer, sheriff and state's attorney. . . . There shall not be an elected auditor, register or deeds, treasurer, sheriff or state's attorney for Shannon County, South Dakota." Article III of the Shannon County Charter, Section 3.01 (1982). The Charter goes on to state, "The Shannon County commissioners shall be vested with the power and authority to contract with an individual for the services of coroner." This may leave you with the question "How do I affect local government?"

There are a couple different ways to affect local government. The first way is to vote for or against individuals running for a county commissioner slot. Find

out what each individual candidate's position is on contracting for services. If a candidate is an incumbent, see what type of contracts he/she has approved of in the past. In 2003, the Shannon County commissioners contracted with Fall River County to provide "governmental services" which include auditor, director of equalization, register of deeds, treasurer and state's attorney. The services are to be provided physically at the Fall River County Courthouse in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Shannon/Fall River County Contract on file at the Fall River County Courthouse Auditor's office. Those Shannon County commissioners who voted for this contract can be judged by you regarding what they would likely do if reelected.

The second way to affect local government is to change the charter. A proposed change to an existing charter is also governed by Chapter 6-12 of the South Dakota Codified Laws. How would you change the charter? The options for change are almost limitless. SDCL 6-12-6 places some restrictions upon the changes; however, a wide range of possibilities remain open. For instance, the voting residents of Shannon County passed Shannon Resolution No. 2000-7. This resolution changed the original 1982 Shannon County Charter by permitting the Shannon County commissioners to employ any qualified individual as sheriff. Previously, the sheriff of Fall River County was made the sheriff of Shannon County by contract. With the 2000 resolution, the Shannon County commissioners were freed to select any qualified individual as sheriff.

If you wish to make your vote count for more than just the county commissioners slots, you could vote to change the charter to require these individuals be selected through election. You could also vote to change the charter

making all cooperative contracts to employ government services be subject to a vote by the voting residents of Shannon County, instead of the selection being made by the county commissioners alone. SDCL Chapter 6-17. You could also vote to change the charter requiring combined offices such as those in Shannon and Fall River counties be elected by all voters from the two combined counties. SDCL Chapter 7-7. Additional possibilities exist; these are just a couple options available to the interest voter wishing to make a change in local government.

Finally, residents of Shannon County who are members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe can also affect local government by voting in the tribal elections. The individuals elected to the Tribal Council and to the position of Tribal President have a huge impact on what issues are made a priority. Just as in the United States Presidential race, foreign relations, security, domestic issues such as unemployment, medical care, and education, are all issues you, the informed voter, can make a priority by your selection of the next Tribal President.

The power of your vote has been proven strong. In 2002, Tim Johnson was elected in South Dakota by the slim margin of 524 votes. In local government, your vote is strong as well. Shannon County is only one example of a local government structure. Find out how your local government is structured and place your vote in the way that will accomplish the goals you have for your family and community.

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Acts of Congress supersede treaties, says Thune

The following letter was sent to Duane Martin Sr. of Hills City in May from John Thune, U.S. Presidential candidate:

Dear Duane;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the issue of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. Often when public officials are asked about treaties and Indian rights, they duck the question with one word: sovereignty. However, they are using this as a phony excuse, which becomes and excuse for the entire federal government. The federal government's operations and policies are entrenched. We need a fresh approach to treaty and Indian issues, an approach that will give Indian people more ability to govern themselves. We need to take a hard look at what obligations have not been upheld by the fed-

eral governments, beginning with the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. Acts of Congress supersede treaties; however some of the rules and regulations that come from Washington, DC can undermine efforts to bring economic opportunity and self-determination to Indian Country. Indian people need to be consulted on these rules. Duane, I believe the federal government and Indian people need to have a true government-to-government relationship. We must work with the Indian people to do what is right. I want this relationship to be based on partnership, not paternalism. Thank you again for allowing me to comment and I look forward to working with you in the future on the important issues of Indian Country.

John Thune
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Welcome back Lakota Times

Dear Editor,

Congratulations and welcome back. I always remember the original Lakota Times and all the awards they would win every year. The Lakota Times was the best in Indian Country all those years and there is no doubt in my mind that the Lakota Times of today will pick up where the Lakota Times of yesterday left off. Congrats to Amanda Takes War Bonnet, Ernie and the rest of Lakota Times.

Joshua B. Logg, Jr.
Mobridge, SD

Conflict of interest and nepotism must be looked at

Dear Editor,

My name is Newton L. Cummings. I am a candidate for Bennett County commissioner on the Democratic ticket. I have been married for 46 years and have raised seven children. I have been in the ranching business all my life. I live three miles northeast of Martin. I feel I am a qualified candidate because of my past experience. I pay personal property taxes to Bennett County. I was instrumental in the organization of the Bennett County Elderly Meals Program and wrote the proposal for the funding of this program. I was one of several people who negotiated with the Bennett County Board of Education to reinstate the bussing program for all students in Bennett County. I worked with the LaCreek District, the city of Martin, the State of South Dakota and the federal government seeking funding for the sidewalk from Sunrise Housing to the City Park. I served on the Oglala Sioux tribal Council for eight years. I served as Oglala Sioux Tribal president from 1984 to 1986. For 23 years I served as Oglala Sioux Housing Authority Commissioner for LaCreek District. I have also served on the Board of Trustees at OLC for 30 years. I think it is time to take a good look at all aspects of county gov-

ernments and become a government more responsive to the needs of County residents. Conflict of interest and nepotism must be looked at also. A salary scale for all county employees needs to be adopted. County wide law and order must be brought back to the table for discussion. A new jails needs to be built. If there are not enough tax dollars to do so, then we need to start seeking funding from other resources. We do not need to increase the tax burden on landowners, farmers, ranchers, home buyers and others. A little extra work from employees who have knowledge of proposal and grant writing for seeking additional funding could make a big difference. The Emergency 911 system needs to be brought back to the county. Every second of response time in an emergency could save the life of a loved one. Roads need to be prioritized and improved. I know many of the decisions made by county commissioners are mandated by state law, but we must use those mandates more effectively. The election laws need to be improved and must include all residents of Bennett County. Your support on November 2nd will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Newton Cummings
Martin, SD

Museum omission huge oversight

Dear Editor,

Today I read Tim Giago's column article titled 'Indian Museum Tells Incomplete Story.' Because of my interest and participation in basketry, I have visited the new museum's website and have been impressed with what I have seen and read. I also was excited that the museum was built in the first place, sharing the belief that the American Indians certainly were more than deserving of acknowledgement and recognition, not to mention the hope for expanded awareness, appreciation and education on the part of museum attendees. I was very interested in his column and disappointed to read that those tribes that were/are not in the economic position to donate large sums of money are not adequately represented, in contrast to such Nations as the Oneida or

Mashantucket Pequot. Omitting the American Indian holocaust from a section of the museum is a huge oversight, and one they hopefully will consider adding in the future. As a white American, I am ashamed of the past treatment of the American Indians. I totally agree that the survivors of the Indian missions and Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools should be honored. I have the highest respect for the the American Indian and their past way of life, rich in its connection to nature and in balance with the environment. I highly admire the artwork and techniques of indigenous groups and am encouraged when the modern youth take an interest in learning about their past and want to keep the traditions going. Hopefully this museum will inspire some.

Maggie Walters

Responding to the editor of the Mitchell (SD) Republic

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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I often wonder where email hangs out after it is sent and before it is received. When it comes to computers a techno-whiz I am not. I received an email yesterday, October 16, from Noel Hamiel, the publisher of the Mitchell (SD) Republic newspaper. It was sent on September 27. I suspect that Noel wrote it on September 27 and for reasons unknown did not sent it until this week. Hmmm! It was an interesting email from a newspaperman's point of view and is the foundation for this week's column. Noel wrote, "After reading the press accounts of the meeting over the weekend between Johnson, Daschle, yourself and tribal leaders I'm puzzled as to what actually took place. Were there any concrete ideas for improving the lives of the Indian people? What about jobs and economic development? Are there any things in the offing regarding the social ills face by your people? I know most of the participants said the meetings had to be closed in order to ensure candor, but seriously, what's going on?" Hamiel was referring to the Sioux Summit held at Crazy Horse Mountain on September 25. It was a conference held by Senators Tom Daschle and Tim Johnson, and a stand-in for Stephanie Herseth, our elected member of the South Dakota House of Representatives, who happened to be in Iraq that weekend. The local media expressed concern because I was the only journalist allowed inside of the meet-

ing. This was probably because I requested that the meeting be held and the South Dakota delegation responded affirmatively. At a private meeting between Senator Daschle and myself I pointed out the dire need for a meeting where the leaders of all the tribes in South Dakota could express their concerns in a face-to-face meeting with our elected Congressional representatives. Daschle agreed. Charles Colombe, the chairman of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, was assigned the task of contacting the other tribal leaders and setting the agenda. Colombe said that it was at the request of the other tribal leaders that the meeting be closed to the media. I was allowed inside of the meeting because I was the initiator of the historic event. I attended the meeting as an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Nation and not as a journalist. The concerns of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people

Listening to Lakota through metaphor and image

By Dr. Archie Beauvais
Special Editorial
to Lakota Times

As one gets older in Lakota society, it seems as if we casually drift into that arena called 'wisdom.' It is not something that occurs overnight, but it seems to gather over time and with years of experience and practice. I tell people that I look forward to that time, soon when folks will look at me and my appearance alone will command respect. When I was a young man, I returned from Harvard University thinking that my education from a prestigious university would bring respect. What I did not realize that earning that kind of western education alone, is something that necessarily changes one. My Mom teased me on the phone one day and said I sounded like a wasicu. At that time, twenty years ago I could not understand what she was referring to until just recently. It was difficult for me to engage in everyday chit chat when I returned and I realized that it was me who had changed and not my Mom. Research says that people who know a second language often have

an advantage in problem solving. I can remember when I was a child, I often accompanied my Grandma who was from Allen as she visited other unci. This unci asked my Grandma "takosa kpapi nita Lakota eyap?" She was asking my Grandma if we spoke Lakota and my Grandma said "Heya." It was funny, because somehow I understood the whole conversation, but I could not respond in Lakota and tell that to my Grandma that I understood. Somehow, I had understood basic Lakota by the time I was about ten, but never really used it because children my age were mostly all speaking English. In 1976 I worked at Sinte Gleska University and it was common then, for elderly Lakota men to gather at the old college site. Gentlemen like Stanley Red Bird, Abel Stone and Bill Schweigman would come and talk amongst themselves. We were fortunate for what we learned from them as we were taught to sit in silence and not ask questions about their exchange. Stanley related a couple of what I call metaphors. An example of a metaphor is like if I said "the north-

ern wind blew through Rosebud like a freight train." Freight train is a metaphor for a strong wind. Stanley told me that the phrase "magaksica ci ublagabse oyagiye" meant "Like a duck whose feet are spread, tell us all the news." Apparently, it was an invitation to those who joined the group or conversation to tell about what they had heard and not to miss anything. To me, that was using a metaphor and it was an image in my mind that I can see. Another one that he told me in Lakota was "pte paca he he pse oyake." It translates in English to "Like the shaggy mane on a buffalo that catches everything, tell us everything." I am certain that there are many other such images that serve as metaphors in Lakota and would be great teaching tools for the young. One of my former students discussed the image that the word "ojanjan glepi" brought to mind for her. In English it translates to "window" and in the western way of thinking we think of glass that is made from sand and it is meant to keep out the wind and other natural elements. In the Lakota way of thinking for her, it referred to a

my Nation over my profession as a journalist. I am sure there are other journalists from other Nations that have been placed in the same predicament. Out of respect for the tribal leaders attending the meeting I did not disclose any of the items discussed, but at their request, I did write a small press release giving an overview of the meeting. The press release was for their consumption only and if they chose to share it with the local media, the choice was theirs to make. To answer the question posed by the publisher of the Mitchell Republic, yes Noel, all of the items you suggested were discussed at length and in detail. All of the tribal leaders in attendance left the meeting with genuine good feelings about it. I do not believe I betrayed my profession as a journalist by attending because I will always believe that the greater good of the Lakota people was served first and foremost. I will always be Lakota first and a journalist second. And unlike the 20-year-old, non-Indian editor of the Lakota Journal who has never set foot on the Pine Ridge Reservation, or upon any reservation to my knowledge, and who seems to have taken my participation in the Summit personally, at least Noel Hamiel had the courage to ask. (Tim Giago is the recipient of the 1991 Honor Award for Distinguished Journalism from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He can be reached at giagobooks@iw.net.)

We need to strengthen Indian Child Welfare Act Law

Dear Editor,

The sleeping red giant has awoken! And is in a rage about what has happened to its offspring. In 1974, a federal Indian Child Welfare Law came into existence as a result of one woman who had experienced the loss of her children. The current statistics show that the numbers grow higher indicating children taken out of their families of origin and placed in non-native families. Many have aged out of services and have returned home. On Aug. 25, 2004, at an informal ICWA meeting in Lower Brule, a group of Native American service providers, social workers, community advocates, directors, health educators, Casey Family, social services advocates from Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Nebraska came together to address this defunct ICWA law. At least 30-40 peo-

ple were present at this meeting, and many addressed how children have fallen through the cracks of the current tribal ICWA programs and State Social Services. This group of service providers felt that in order for the ICWA law to work, they need to establish our own laws pertaining to children and foster care; obtain tribal jurisdiction with tribal ordering the state Dept. of Social Services to provide reunification with families of origin; update tribal leaders, judges and states Social Services on ICWA Law and cultural competency. One of the main focus of this meeting was to organize, develop and strengthen the ICWA Law. This organization comprised of a non-profit that will monitor these social work agencies into compliance with this law, especially the tribal ICWA programs. We will make sure that every child that goes into the DSS program is in a tracking

system data base to follow the child from the initial contact to reunification of families or long term care into aging out of services. Another strength that will be built on is as Sovereign Nations, we do not believe in termination of parental rights, for this avenue, we need the tribal representatives at the next meeting to hear our recommendations, and the future steps of this organization. The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare Consortium evolved after this meeting. The entities represented at this meeting decided to elect their officers at that time which follows: Diane Garreau-President (Rosebud), Carol Herrera-Vice President (Pine Ridge) Raymond Conouyer-Treasurer(Yanktonai) and Beverly Iron Shield-Secretary(Standing Rock) The second meeting of the consortium met on October 7 in Eagle Butte. It was decided then that the

meetings will occur every other month, but because of the ICWA law going through the legislative process in January 2005 it was imperative that The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare Consortium to meet again on Nov. 9-11, 2003 at the Super 8 in Eagle Butte to expedite the organizational process and to bring forth those main players in the State offices and tribal leaders to strategize and gain support at the local level, to prepare themselves for the January 2005 Legislation. The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare Consortium is inviting any one and everyone interested to attend these meetings. Contact Persons are: Patricia Catches Enemy, 605-867-1282, Beverly Tuttle, 605-867-2201 and Karen Red Star, 605-455-2531.

Patricia Catches
Oglala, S.D.

Bennett County Commissioners:

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for a seat on the Bennett County commissioners. Cummings shared his thoughts about running for office and what he would like to accomplish.

He said, "One thing I want to accomplish is that I want to see the county sheriff department continue to be a county sheriff office and not just serve the city. Nepotism and conflict of interest are serious problems. For the last several years we had Pam Ireland as the states attorney and she was also the attorney for the city council. When it came time for them to talk, well she was 'tongue tied' and I think that gets into conflict of interest. I want to make sure the states attorney is not also the attorney for any other government within the jurisdiction of the county." Cummings continued, "Creating a salary scale for county employees is also an important issue. We have people who have been working for the county getting around \$10 per hour, there is no salary scale and some of the courthouse people are making considerably more than that. We need a salary scale for county employees and then they don't have to come to the commissioners every time they are eligible for a pay increase, it is deter-

mined by a salary scale."

Newton added, "Another issue I would like to address is that the emergency 911 system was taken to Winner and all calls from here are routed through Winner. We need to get that 911 system brought back here where it belongs. Every second can save the life of somebody. The calls go through the Winner Police Department; they disperse the call and it comes back down here." Cummings pointed out that that this means that the person receiving the call is not someone who is likely to be familiar with the roads in Bennett County. He said, "The people in Winner don't know where our people live or how you get to their homes. I am going to try to get that back to our county."

Cummings was asked how important he believes it is for people to vote. He responded, "It's very important. The Indian vote is now one of the votes that candidates count on to get elected. If we want people in office who are going to support our needs we need to get out and elect those people."

LaCreek District tribal council representative Craig Dillon said, "Indian voters in Bennett County need to come together and elect a council

that gives us a level playing field. We need to have a commission that will be accountable to us. The two individuals running can do the job and they are both very capable gentlemen. This is our opportunity to get the candidates that we want."

Commenting on the re election of Sen. Tom Daschle, Dillon said, "He stops to question what is going on. I don't want a puppet in office. With what the religious right is doing, with Bush's agenda, we would be off on the wrong leg. As a people we have been through a forced religious agenda already, we don't need to go through it again." Dillon concluded, "We need to get out and get to the polls; we are a force to be reckoned with. With our numbers we can elect who we want. We are going to continue to be active in the elections and we need to continue to show up at the polls. Our people are sitting on our destiny and we can finally demand accountability."

All of the candidates encouraged voters to use early voting to avoid the rush on Election Day and to make sure their vote is counted.

OLC president reflects on history of Indian education

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE - "In the 1940s," says Tom ShortBull, president of Oglala Lakota College, "when my mother was seeking a better way of life, training for the Indian people was limited to positions of domestic trade and servitude. "My mother was sent to Haskell, said Shortbull, and then placed in a white home to be "trained" as a domestic. There was much abuse and Indian people were not considered smart enough by the white standards to be professional workers."

"There has been a big attitude change in the last 50 years," says Shortbull. "We found that in the 60s, when the United States government declared the war on poverty, higher education became part of the battle plan. It was the introduction to the trade school because the problem of a low retention rate in the higher education system. Out of 40 students that started college with me at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, only four completed the fall semester."

"Now, the college has provided an opportunity for the Indian student to become the teachers and the nurses in our own com-

munities. In the 1950s, only one or two teachers on the reservation were Indian. Today, 100 teachers out of 250 are Indian, with 71 percent of those being graduates of OLC. Likewise in nursing, of 70 nurses on the reservation, 80 percent are Indian, and of those 60 percent are OLC graduates.

"The cultural shock and foreign environment, with no understanding or support for the life situations of the Indian student leads to a real struggle for successful completion of any off-reservation degree program" says Devona Lone Wolf, a graduate of OLC and the Coordinator of Support Services.

"Our classes are small; we do very well with support and an understanding and acceptance of our students. That is why we are so successful. We have an understanding of the difficulties in reservation living," she said.

In 2004, OLC graduated 19 students with their Masters in Lakota Leadership & Management and awarded B.A.'s in Lakota Studies (2), and Sociology (1), B.S.'s in Business Administration (15), Elementary Education (2), K-8 Elementary Education (2), Human Services (14), and Interdisciplinary Environmental Science (5).

They graduated students with an A.A. in accounting (7), general business (10), tribal management (2), early childhood (4), elementary education (5), general studies (8), science, engineering & math (4), Lakota studies (13), life science (3), nursing (10), and social services & counseling (2). Students graduated with an A.A.S. in business computers (4) and human services (17), office technology (4), carpentry (2), and electrical construction(2). Certificates were awarded as an allied health specialist (6), business computers (7), carpentry (2), electrical construction (1), entrepreneurship (1), office technology (5) and Lakota language (19). Endorsements were given in early childhood special education (1) and K-12 special education (8). GED graduates numbered twenty seven.

"We are looking at future expansion," says President Shortbull, "in the addition of masters' programs in human services, special education, guidance and counseling. Eventually, most of our professional people employed on the reservation will be Indian."

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The democracy of HIV/AIDS: the native position

By **Andrew Catt-Iron Shell**
Special to The Lakota Times

ROSEBUD - The disease of HIV/AIDS is an example of true democracy. The disease of HIV/AIDS does not discriminate against the color of a person’s skin, gender, age, and sexual orientation. HIV/AIDS does infect the wealthy, the poor, the educated, the uneducated and the invincible.

The positives to HIV/AIDS are not always negative. This disease is unique in that it has the potential to build relationships between ethnicities and people of diverse backgrounds to fight for a common cause. It is an example of the true human spirit when we show our children that we all can stand together to build positive behaviors, respectful communication and healthier communities.

In 1993, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mandated that a HIV Community Planning Process be created. This mechanism is designed to build leadership from the grassroots upward. Any person interested in participating in HIV/AIDS prevention issues are welcome to participate in the community planning processes. In theory, the community planning process is designed to ensure Parity, Inclusion, and Representation (PIR) from community level individuals and professionals of our local communities.

The funding for HIV/AIDS prevention is allocated from Congress to the CDC. It is then distributed to each State through State Health Departments. Although Tribal Nations are recognized within the United States Constitution and Federal law as being parallel (not beneath) the status of States, the current funding stream for CDC led HIV prevention forces Tribes to inadvertently be under the authority of the State Health Department.

For fiscal year 2005, South Dakota will receive approximately \$670,000. This money pays for Department of Health (DOH) staff who deal with infectious disease. After the needs of bureaucracy are funded the remaining monies are distributed to the State Planning Groups (SPG). Each of these (5) groups representing their respective populations within South Dakota receives approximately \$20,000 a year for HIV/AIDS pre-

vention for the priority populations within their respective areas. The overall responsibility of the SPG is to develop a Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan for the State of South Dakota.

Native American South Dakotans are quickly moving towards 9% of our State population but account for 14% of all HIV/AIDS infections and lead the State in sexually transmitted diseases for our demographics. Due to the large Native American population, South Dakota is one of eleven States large enough to host a Native specific SPG component known here as the Native American Advisory Committee (NAAC). The NAAC is the mechanism for all Tribes in South Dakota to be proactive in the arena of HIV/AIDS prevention and access to CDC funding, i.e. INCLUSION. From this group we have two voting members to the larger State wide planning group, i.e. REPRESENTATION. If Tribal Nations could effectively lobby for our “fair share” based on epidemiological data, Native census data, co-factors and well documented health disparities, we could receive well more than the \$20K currently SHARED between the nine Tribal Nations in South Dakota to address HIV/AIDS. The twenty thousand dollars that trickles to Tribal prevention efforts must address a risk population of 95,173 individuals residing on South Dakotas Indian reservations. That does not include our urban Native populations in South Dakota. The State of South Dakota will fight us on direct funding. States utilize Native data to serve their needs but are reluctant to share their data, services and dollars with Tribal Nations. Following the example of unwritten Federal policy, States are quick to cut funding at will to Native American populations in meeting their budgetary concerns.

Our hindrances include but are not limited to a lack of knowing specific HIV/AIDS prevalence thus keeping this disease a non-priority. People interpreting our statistics for HIV infection, may interpret our data as small. Many do not look at the larger picture. The rate of AIDS per 100,000 people for American Indians is 11.3 compared with 9 per 100,000 for whites. Native Americans have some of the highest rates of HIV

infection co-factors such as teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic and sexual assault, unemployment and sexual transmitted disease rates to highlight a potential epidemic. Emerging social enemies such as crystal meth are sure to amplify HIV/HEP C infections rates in all populations.

PARITY is also a CDC mandated component to the prevention processes. For the S.D. Native American, it is this area that is our weakest link. The word parity assumes a level playing field for all. The realities for Tribal populations participating in the S.D. SPG processes highlight a much larger, historical and on-going quandary. The fact that Congress and the CDC neglect to acknowledge federally recognized Tribes with the same legal courtesy given to States, as directed by the law is the foundation of our inability to reach parity. Congress does have the power to amend or modify the current funding stream to direct HIV/AIDS funding to Tribes, Native Health Boards or Tribal epidemiological centers. This is the only sure way to reach true parity and offer the quality of care needed in Native populations. This direct approach guarantees Tribal sovereignty, cultural competency, increases active participation by those who are at risk for HIV/AIDS and expedites prevention/intervention efforts to SD Tribal communities. Native populations lead every statistical path towards a probable HIV/AIDS outbreak.

Many non-Indians within the CPG are reluctant to support the priorities of Native populations and initiatives as they misunderstand the Federal trust responsibility to Native Americans which results in a mentality that we are receiving “perks” when we make baby steps towards true parity. In South Dakota there are five CPG regions. Only the NAAC is designed to draw members from every corner of the State to represent federally recognized Nations. State CPG’s also neglect to acknowledge the centuries old cultural protocol Native Americans must utilize in effectively addressing health challenges in our populations. One example: We utilize the concept of full consensus while the other CPG’s go by majority rule. As an underserved minority the majority rules system only meets the needs of the numerically dominant, non-Indian CPG’s thus eliminating parity.

The CDC has guidelines in place which value cultural competency in minority populations which ensure respectful and productive interaction in serving these communities of color. Within the Native American perspective, cultural competency should be defined by our ability to determine

our own best practices to address health challenges in our populations. Mainstream prevention models are largely “disease prevention” based, and not “Wellness” based. Sanctioned CDC programs frequently encourage individuals to “not engage in risky behaviors” rather than to support their involvement in “healthy lifestyle” choices. “Disease prevention” methods could be considered a band-aid approach to address a chronic disease as it relates to Tribal populations. G.W. Bush pushes for faith based initiatives which denounces condom use and advocates for an abstinence only approach on HIV/AIDS. Many in Indian country laugh at the abstinence only approach as we defend against generations of on-going genocidal terrorism.

While abstinence is best, it is critical that populations are educated to the responsible use condoms and safety measures. Should we be alarmed that sound public health information is being measured against a political standard and not by science? Does this approach offer leadership in prevention of a disease that is increasing hourly in the United States?

HIV/AIDS has been very powerful as a tool to visualize the reality of the social personality in South Dakota. Although State Health Departments are supposed to interact with it’s populations in a legal and professional manner. This has not been the case in South Dakota within the circle of HIV Community planning processes. Many Native Americans feel that the current State HIV Coordinator exhibits a negative cowboy –vs- Indian persona that contributes to division. Such accepted behavior by his supervisors in a professional driven process is detrimental to collaboration on an issue that can only be successful with unity of all. In acknowledging the true process of a government-to-government grievance, these are excerpts of a letter given to South Dakota Senator Tom Daschle authored by NAAC members and concerned community members.

....”There seems to be a problem with our working relationship with the (State AIDS) coordinator. From what I have read and seen, there seems to be disagreements between what we are requesting or needing on our Indian Reservations and what HE wants.”
RKW-Eagle Butte, SD

....”without any prior notice to any of us, he (State AIDS Coordinator) cut our budget for our NAAC meetings. We are not set up in the same manner as the regional advisory board meetings. We must all travel great distances to attend a meeting similar to the way that the State SPG conducts their meetings. Without any con-

sultation, he cut our travel. He did this while he increased his own travel line item.

The previous HIV Coordinator worked very well with our Tribes. We are not accustomed to this type of blatant disregard of our input and rude behavior from the coordinator. Several times during our meetings the currant State Coordinator has made very disparaging remarks about the previous coordinator and I feel that this is very unprofessional and reflects badly on the State workers.

...Our Tribal Council is becoming aware that the current (State AIDS) coordinator made one of our Tribal members cry and they are very upset. I’m sure that the rest of the Tribes will not tolerate this type of action either. If he can do this to one Tribal member without sanction by his supervisors than I feel that he can do this to any other Tribal member.

....Due to the State Coordinator’s actions at the last SPG meeting and his treatment of our Tribal members, I feel he will not ever work with us in a respectful manner.

.....I feel that the planning group process was put in place to ensure Tribal input is received and acted upon. This process been undermined and is ineffective. This planning process (the NAAC) was created after our group sent in a letter of non-concurrence to the CDC regarding our funding. I feel we need to inform them (CDC) again of the total disregard for our Tribal input and of the offensive treatment of our Tribal members. I feel that he (State AIDS Coordinator) will not ever work with us in a respectful manner.

I hope this letter helps to give an idea of the barriers and problems that we face in trying to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in our Tribes.

CWE -Pine Ridge, SD
....I am very disappointed in my experience being a part of the Native American Advisory Committee with the State of South Dakota. I’ve been involved in many groups and committees. I take my roles and responsibilities very seriously. I do ask questions. I feel that because I have asked questions I have been treated very rudely and with great disrespect....

I’ve done my own research to find out what community planning is all about. I have attended the ENLACES training that was provided to our Native people through the CDC, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, and the US/Mexico Boarder Health Association. I know that the Native voice is crucial to preventing HIV and other diseases. The State HIV Coordinator has insinuated that SD would not need to include Native Americans if the SPG were to dissolve and restructure. He has made public statements that I am uncon-

fortable with. I try to work around these issues. The State of South Dakota has a “history” of not working very cohesively with the Tribes. I had hoped to be part of a positive experience.

Unfortunately, I feel that the State has called us to the table again only to expect us to be “tokens”. My interest in community planning and prevention has always been so that I could make a better life for my children and for my future grandchildren and the Native people. In my opinion and experience thus far, the State DOH does not have the SD Native American in their best interest. The CDC strives for Parity, Inclusion, and Representation. I feel that the State of South Dakota needs too also.”

CBC-Pine Ridge, SD
There are many shared and unique challenges that Native Americans face in addressing HIV/AIDS in South Dakota. Weaknesses within the SD DOH of working with people of color are only one issue. It is obvious by current data that it is imperative that HIV prevention and collaborated health planning activities are needed. A focus on the genuine needs of Tribal populations will benefit all economically through preventive health measures and socially by building a coalition of health within South Dakota. Only by making respect of sovereignty and unifying common challenges on health will words like democracy hold any value.

In addressing HIV/AIDS, we must look beyond the disease. Productive dialogue must include Tribal sovereignty and social-economic issue. We must speak to our collective history which too often inhibits mutual respect.

Politics will continue to manipulate the dollars needed to meet its agenda at the expense of the mostly low-income and silent Americans. It must be acknowledged that it does not only take money to prevent AIDS as all people have a responsibility to their own actions. It does take responsible thinking to meet the common goals of creating a healthy environment for all people.

The South Dakota Native American population has the real potential to be a model of success towards HIV/AIDS prevention if sincere and concise efforts are made by all parties.

The NAAC and Tribal Nations of South Dakota call for the Federal government, State government and all who address the issue of HIV/AIDS to step up for a common success. We must all see the progressive disease of HIVAIDS will not slow to the pace of bureaucracy or wait while we struggle with teaching mainstream America cultural competency and the true meaning of democracy.

Trustgate: financial abuse of people

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available. No value of leases and royalties paid has ever been defined. No accounts receivable history or payment record has ever been declared. In a quagmire of deceit and denial the Department of the Interior has managed to “disappear” all those billions of dollars, without consideration of their responsibility to the people they held the trust for,” she continued.

Records have been lost or purposely destroyed. Ineffectual plans to reform the trust have been drawn up by the Department of Interior, and “midnight legislation” has been tagged onto bills in Congress to delay further proceedings against the Department or deny the Department of Interior the budget to correct these problems. This lack of budget would thereby make the issue of reconstructing or simply constructing an accurate accounting system a moot point.

Cobell tells of the first day of court against the Department of the Interior and the Treasury Department in 1996 concerning the mismanagement of the trust. She quotes a statement from the Secretary of the Interior at that time, “We have to manage this property for all of the individual Indians because they are stupid. They don’t understand, they are incompetent, that is why we have to come in and be the trustee, because these Indian people are stupid.”

There are reports going back to the early 1900s that say that the trust has been totally mismanaged by the United State Government,” says Cobell. “The Department of the Interior is the one that is supposed to lease the land and collect the money, and the Department of the Treasury is supposed to act as the bank. For example if Elouise Cobell’s land were leased for \$5000.00”, says Cobell, “that

money would be paid to the Treasury Department, and the Department of the Interior would then issue a statement to indicate payment of that money to Elouise Cobell. During this court case, things started unraveling.

A treasury official testified that billions of dollars were being accumulated in this treasury account, and the Dept of the Interior was not supplying them with information as to who this money belonged to. That particular treasury account was the Indian money account. There was no accounting by the Department of Interior, so what they did was they used this money for other purposes. And some of the other purposes that they used it for was to reduce the national debt...but it was our money. Think about it, it was our money. Today, Enron officials and Martha Stewart pay a heavy price for fiscal mismanagement. But here is the federal government, and

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Your vote could influence the next Supreme Court

By **A.J. Lavine**
Special to The Lakota Times

It was election evening 2002. The US Senate race between John Thune (Republican) and Tim Johnson (Democrat) was a dead heat. I went to bed at midnight with the Internet count showing Thune in the lead by a very narrow margin. I had been working with the “Get out to vote” during the election, and knew, Pine Ridge Village’s three precincts and Porcupine’s one precinct had not been counted yet. I awoke the next morning to find Senator Tim Johnson had been re-elected by 524 votes. The four Pine Ridge Indian Reservation precincts had made the difference.

The Indian vote in election 2002 made national news. The reality “of our vote counts”, on the reservation was driven home by the sequence of events leading to Senator Johnson’s re-election.

With all the hype in this years South Dakotas Senatorial race between challenger John Thune and incumbent Tom Daschle, you would have to be comatose to not realize the two majority parties believe every vote counts. But how about on the national scene. Did you ever feel the swing states and states with more electoral votes than South Dakota are all Kerry and Bush are concerned about? The presidential candidates seem to show very little concern in South Dakota. Here’s why-

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- The Electoral College might be viewed as the one, single ‘check and balance” the Constitution imposes upon the People. It is an "indirect popular vote' wherein an impromptu body of legislature is created every four years to cast the official votes. The idea was to choose wise, mature persons who fully understood 'the big picture' better than the general population - which at that time it was written, were mostly farmers and others who worked 16 hours a day and did not have the time and, in those days, the ability to keep up on current events... many could not even read and nothing even close to the information highway was on the horizon.

- One great advantage to this system is that it forces the candidates to take notice of something other than the large populations centers where the minority of the population actually lives. Large tracts of the country being rural, the large cities could easily dominate the elections, retaining the candidate’s full attention and forcing their will upon the actual majority of the population. The Electoral system was designed to give a more-fair voice to the majority of the citizens who do not live in the few large cities and high-electoral-vote states. It was made to force candidates to take notice of something other than the four of five states worth the most electoral votes. It should force a responsibility upon the candidate to more-fully represent the full majority.

- An example of this occurred in the 2000 presidential election. Although Vice-President Al Gore took the popular vote, he did it by almost exclusively winning the large, heavily urban areas, leaving the vast majority of the country to his opponent.

- According to the FEDERAL REGISTER, the final popular

vote was:

Popular vote:
Gore: 50,994,082
Bush: 50,461,080
(won by 533,002 votes)

HOWEVER, -
Majority of States:
Bush: 30
Gore: 21

Majority of Counties:
Bush: 2,434
Gore: 677

Majority of Square Miles:
Bush: 2,427,000
Gore: 580,000

- So, through the Electoral process, even though Gore barely won the popular vote, Bush won the election by taking the majority of the states – hence, the majority of the country – as opposed to the majority of the population.

- But there is much opposition to this process that was designed before the country has wired into TV and the Internet.

We would like to have your comments on the Electoral College Process. Please e-mail us or send a post card to us and let us know your opinion:

YES- I think the electoral College is a fair process to elect our President

NO- I do not think the electoral College is a fair process to elect our Presient.

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If you are interested in watching the prediction of the electoral vote a great web site is electorl-vote.com. Accourind to the last poll of October 13th:

ELECTORAL VOTE PRE-DICTOR 2004:
Kerry 228
Bush 284
Needed to win 270
as of October 13, 2004

The following is a list in order of the electoral votes by state:
Distribution of Electoral Votes

Total Electoral Vote: 538	Needed to Elect: 270
State	2001-2010
California	55
Texas	34
New York	31
Florida	27
Illinois	21
Pennsylvania	21
Ohio	20
Michigan	17
Georgia	15
New Jersey	15
North Carolina	15
Virginia	13
Massachusetts	12
Indiana	11
Missouri	11
Tennessee	11
Washington	11
Arizona	10
Maryland	10
Minnesota	10
Wisconsin	10
Alabama	9
Colorado	9
Louisiana	9
Kentucky	8
South Carolina	8
Connecticut	7
Iowa	7
Oklahoma	7
Oregon	7
Arkansas	6
Kansas	6
Mississippi	6
Nebraska	5
Nevada	5
New Mexico	5
Utah	5
West Virginia	5
Hawaii	4
Idaho	4
Maine	4
New Hampshire	4
Rhode Island	4
Alaska	3
Delaware	3
D.C.	3
Montana	3
North Dakota	3
South Dakota	3
Vermont	3
Wyoming	3
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How could this presidential election affect Indian country?

The Supreme Court of the United States ultimately decided the 2000 Presidential race. Then, Governor George W. Bush, petitioned the high court to decide the validity of a decision by the Florida Supreme Courts validation of vote counts in several counties in Florida. After the US Supreme Court gave its opinion, overturning the Florida Supreme Court, Bush was declared the President.

The President of the United States appoints the US Supreme Court. There are nine Supreme Court Justices and their appointments are made for life. Of these nine justices, a Republican President appointed seven of them (See chart below). Six of the nine current justices could retire within the next 4 years. This is important to Indian Country, as the present justices rule against Indian issues and sovereignty more than 75% of the time. It is important to Indian Country to have justices that understand and support the sovereignty of the Indian Nations in the US. Based on their record, the Republican appointed justices do not seem to support Indian Rights.

CURRENT US SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

William H. Rehnquist 80 years old Appointed by Richard Nixon Republican Party	David Souter 65 years old Appointed by George H Bush Republican Party
John Paul Stevens 84 years old Appointed by Gerald Ford Republican Party	Clarence Thomas 56 years old Appointed by George H. Bush Republican Party
Sandra Day O'Connor 74 years old Appointed by Ronald Reagan Republican Party	Ruth Bader Ginsburg 71 years old Appointed by Bill Clinton Democratic Party
Antonin Scalia 68 years old Appointed by Ronald Reagan Republican Party	Stephen Breyer 66 years old Appointed by Bill Clinton Democratic Party
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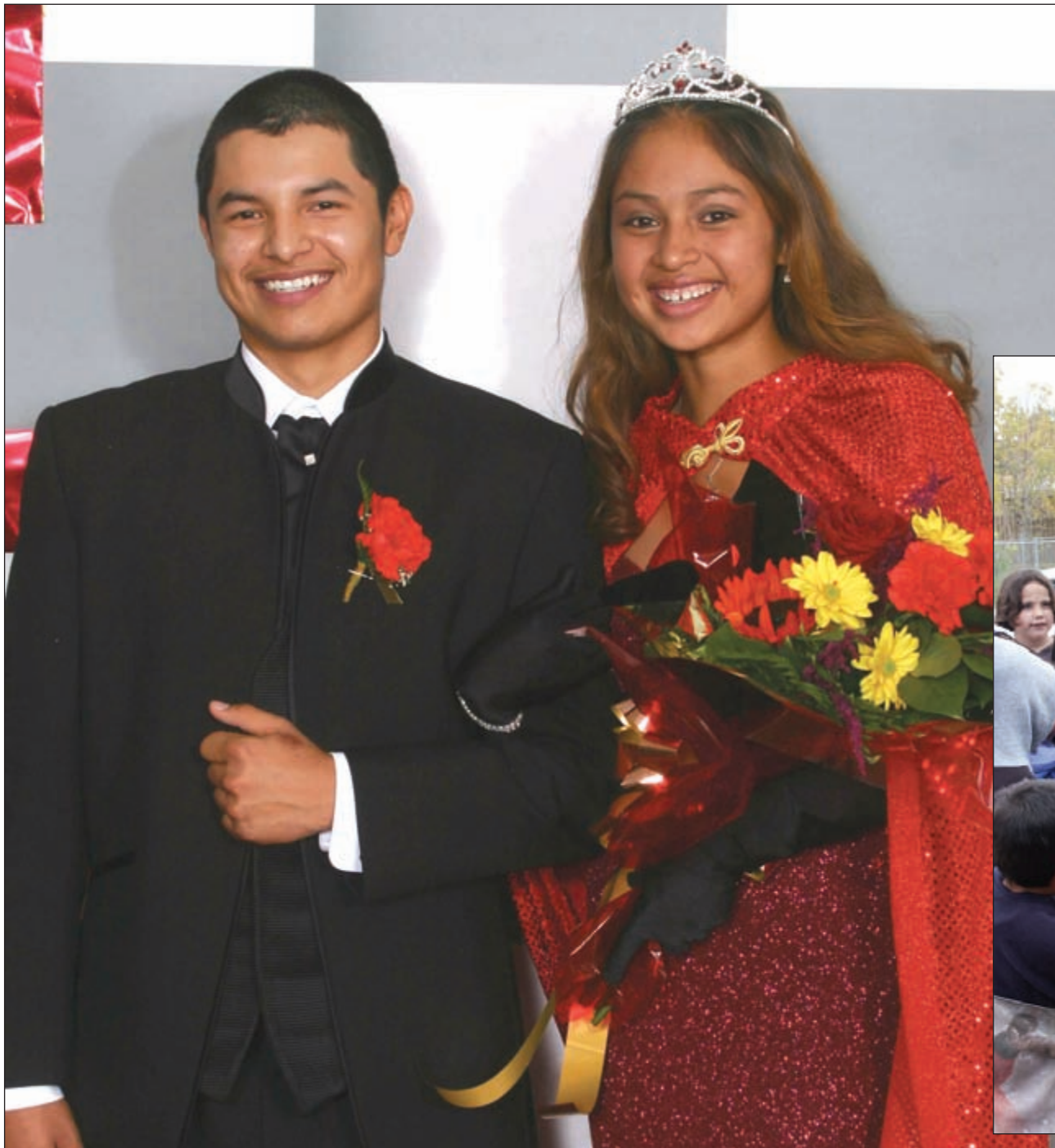
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Brewer and Webber reign at Thorpe Homecoming Week



Royalty: King Joe Brewer and Queen Christy Webber (Photo by Jerry Matthews)

Below: Smokey the Bear dances with the children at the Thorpes Homecoming Parade Oct. 15, while music from the 50's M.C.'d by Tiny DeCory provided the backdrop for 20 floats. (Photo by Anna Bee)



Ellen Stephan Hospice may close

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE - A lease dispute may lead to the closure of the only home health and hospice program on the reservation. Bruce Williams, R.N., founder and director of the Ellen Stephen Hospice says, "I started this program in 1994. A patient of mine, Ellen Stephens had breast cancer, she had such a hard time, and I knew there had to be another way."

"We founded this program, because there was a real need for it. A group of volunteers from here, Ohio and Canada came together to make this place happen so that there could be a place for the people who are sick and dying and their families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation."

The facility has a guest room for family members and some patient rooms. "We have served over 200 hospice care patients. Currently we assist about twenty people in our in-home care program," says Williams. "We help people that strive to keep their family member at home. We help administer medication,

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Influenza vaccine supply limited

By A.J. LaVine
Special to Lakota Times

KYLE - On Oct. 5, the Center for Disease Control was notified by Chiron Corporation that none of its influenza vaccine would be available for distribution in the United States for the 2004 - 2005 influenza season.

The company indicated that the Medicines and Healthcare Products regulatory agency in the United Kingdom, where the vaccine is produced, has suspended the company's license to manufacture Fluvirin vaccine in its Liverpool facility for three months, preventing any release of the vaccine for this influenza season.

This action will reduce by approximately one half the expected supply of the flu shot vaccine.

Indian Health Services in Pine Ridge has indicated that they will follow the following guidelines for vaccination:

- Everyone in this group is eligible for vaccination;
- All children ages 6 - 23 months;
- Adults ages 65 plus;
- All persons ages 2 - 64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- Children ages 6 months-18 years on chronic aspirating therapy;
- Health-care workers involved in direct patient care;
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months.
- Workers who provide direct,



The Baptist group took one week to build the new home for Faye Mousseau. (Photo by Anna Bee)

A new house in time for winter

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

MANDERSON - Led by Pastor "Brother Jim" Powers, a crew of 73 men, women and children came all the way from the SE Baptist First Church of God in Murfreesboro, Tenn. to build a home near Manderson for a 73-year old elderly Lakota woman.

"We came in last year to repair her screen door, and when I saw that house, I knew we had to help her live in a little better way before the next winter set in," said Powers.

"I went back to Murfreesboro and told the Sunday school class, and we began fund raising. One element of Christianity," remarked Powers, "is that the Bible tells you to help your fellow man, this is one of the ways we can do that." "Brother Jim" and his crew come every year.

"We have been coming out here for many years," said Powers, "and have helped build and repair houses all over the reservation. We have worked in Manderson, Wolf Creek, and Wounded Knee. We operate strictly on private donations."

Powers says that they first started coming to the reservation after Harold Hiney, the Baptist minister in Pine Ridge came to their church in Murfreesboro and told them about the Pine Ridge Reservation. "We've been coming ever since, and I know we will be here in the future."

Powers and his crew started the house on



This screen door on the old house is the inspiration for new construction. (Photo by Anna Bee)

Monday, Oct. 11th and the photos that you see here were taken on Friday, Oct. 15th.

The crew worked all day long and rested in the evening at the Church of God in Wounded Knee. "We feel so good about this," said Powers, "that I think we forget about being tired. If I had to use one word about how I feel about this work, I would say, 'Fantastic'".

You can reach Pastor Jim Powers at the South East Baptist Church, 708 Minerva Drive, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130 or jim@sebastist.org.

Rockyford School princesses selected to lead dance team



ROCKYFORD - The Mako Sica Princess and Jr. Miss Princess were crowned on Oct. 12, at Rockyford School. Emma Quick Bear, first grade, was crowned Jr. Miss Mako Sica. Shyla Chasing Hawk, sixth grade, was crowned Princess 2004. Both girls will represent the school and Lakota dance team for the year

Pine Ridge 3 year old dies in accidental shooting

PINE RIDGE - A tragic accidental shooting outside the Pine Ridge Indian Health Hospital claimed the life of a 3-year-old Pine Ridge girl last Sunday.

Ashley Returns From Scout died at Rapid City Regional Hospital where she was taken after an incident in the parking lot at the Pine Ridge Hospital.

According to law enforcement officers the child's parents, Paul and Katie Returns From Scout, went into the I.H.S. hospital, leaving Ashley and three siblings in the vehicle outside. Apparently a loaded firearm was in the vehicle and one of the children picked it up and accidentally shot the 3-year-old.

The shooting remains under investigation but is being considered accidental. No charges are expected officials said.

Hospice lease agreement an issue

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Stephan Ellen Hospice staff: Clevette “Sugar” Dubray, Sherrie Yellow Boy, Bruce Williams R.N., and Wanda Johnson. (Photos by Anna Bee)

com-fort and family support.”

“Most of our patients come from family referrals” says Williams, some come from Rapid City Regional Hospital. IHS has never referred a patient to us, but I think if they understood the reduced cost that they might seriously consider us as an option.”

“We leased this property from Red Cloud Indian School, says Williams, “on a 99-year lease for \$99. We were very pleased to find the location here in Kyle.”

In a letter dated Sept. 1, 2004, The Ellen Stephan Hospice and Home Care program was delivered notice of termination of the lease and agreement entered into on Oct. 10, 2002 by General Counsel Jane M. Farrel for the Red Cloud Indian School that they are in violation on their lease. The notice states:

“ as the Renter is in default for failing to pay the annual rent as required on or before October 10, 2003 in addition the Renter is in further default for the following: 1. Failing to make every effort to secure funding to asphalt the parking lot; 2. Subletting or allowing a for profit business to locate on the rented property contrary to the terms of the Lease; 3. Failing to provide a certificate of insurance; 4. Failing to maintain the property in a clean condition; 5.The Renter is no longer a corporation in good standing in the State of South Dakota and is not capable of doing business in South Dakota, and; 6. The Hospice is not licensed as an in-patient facility.”

Williams said about the alleged violations: “I can't afford to pave the church's parking lot. We brought in this building and made the improvements. When the original lease was signed, I was given some time to address that issue. I have not sublet any building to a profit business.

I am simply helping a guy out. He just needs a place to get started, a place that will give him a break in life. He is a mechanic, and if he ever makes a profit, then my job will be done. Then he can move, and I can help someone else. On issue three, of course we have insurance; we have more insurance than anything else. How could I function as a medical facility without it?

As to this place being a mess, does it look like a mess to you? Every car in our lot runs, there is no trash around, and our building looks neat and clean. We are a viable corporation and we are not an in-patient facility.”

Kathleen Price, founder and Director of Mission of Love, an organization that transported from Ohio all of the build-



One of the temporary guest rooms in the hospice.

ing and furnishings and brought together the team of people who made the hospice a reality states in her letter to Red Cloud Indian School.

“I witnessed the cancer victims dying on the dirt floor as they dressed their wounds with brown sugar. I saw first hand, that the dying had no pain relief to take away their suffering. You now want to take the Ellen Stephan Hospice away from the people because of a dispute in your lease agreement? What is wrong with addressing the issues with a simple phone call?”

Al Tibbits, Vice President for the Administration at Red Cloud Indian School in his reply letter to Ms. Price stated: “Red Cloud, the parish council and some of the parishioners of the Church are quite concerned about the conditions of the hospice, the building of the garage (and subsequently using it to operate a private auto repair business on the leased property), the fact that the road has not been improved, the cleanliness of the area around the hospice, and as to whether or not the hospice was truly living up to its mission statement as set

forth in the original intent of wanting to lease the Church's property.”

The letter continues, “Mr. Williams said that they had all the required paperwork and would fax it over to us and assured us that the garage was not being used as a business to repair cars (more reason for our concern about having the certificate of liability.) To this date, Mr. Williams has failed to produce any documentation to substantiate the certificate of liability, to keep the grounds around the hospice clean to show whether or not the hospice is qualified to operate as an in-patient facility”, the letter continues, “But our main concern will always be that our elders get the type of quality care that they so richly deserve, and of course to protect and preserve the church's property so that future generals of Lakota families can utilize and enjoy it.”

The Oct. 13th dated letter also states, “It is our hope that you would request that Mr. Williams assist us with resolving these discrepancies.”

Flu Vaccine limited

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hands-on care to patients

Who should go without vaccination?

Healthy people 2 to 64 years of age are asked to postpone or skip getting a flu shot this year so that available vaccine can go to protect those at greater risk for flu complications.

What else can you do to prevent the spread of flu?

There are certain good health habits that can help prevent the

spread of flu.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from other to protect them from getting sick too.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – and dispose of the tissue afterward.

If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

Wash your hands with warm soapy water, for at least 30 seconds, being careful to wash under your fingernails as well as the rest of your hands.

Wash your hands after you cough or sneeze – with soap and warm water, or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

If you get the flu, stay home from work or school.

You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

Check 21 law will take away float time of checks to bank on Oct. 28

By A.J. LaVine

Special to Lakota Times

I was helping my dad clean out his garage the other day. I was going through some old papers and found a bundle of cancelled checks and a bank statement from Blackpipe State Bank in Martin, SD, he had written in 1949.

They were written in pencil, and all of them were counter checks.

For some of you younger readers who don't know what I am talking about, counter checks were a pad of checks from the area banks that were displayed by most merchants at their cash register. They were generic to that bank, your name, and address, phone number nothing was printed on the check.

If you wanted to pay your bill with a check you simply grabbed a counter check from your bank and the merchant accepted it. They never asked for driver's license or social security number.

Well times have changed. The banking industry has tried to inform us of new technology they are using to process

checks. They sent information in a little pamphlet stuffed in your last bank statement. If you are like me you may have thrown away that little pamphlet, before you read it. From what I understand, it contained important in-formation about a new way to process checks called “Check 21”. In short the following is what Check 21 is all about:

1. Increase the speed of check clearing (no float time)
2. Lower clearing system costs, and
3. Reduce the system's vulnerability to problems with air and ground travel.

This reduction in "float" could mean a risk of an overdraft and the overdraft fees that come along with it, some of them \$25 per check.

So, if your finances work like mine do, you go to town on Wednesday, get groceries, and write a check, thinking you have until Friday (payday) for the check to clear. We could all be in for a big surprise using this system.

The Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (Check 21) was signed into law on Oct. 28, 2003, and will become effective

on October 28, 2004. The pamphlet one of my friends received from her bank, made it sound like it was a way the banking system was getting into the 21st century with banking. I don't know about you, but I am a little nostalgic, and wish my bank would use pony express to process the checks I write.

Under Check 21, the check you write for groceries could be photocopied by the store's bank, and then the original check would be destroyed. That photocopy would then be sent electronically through a clearing house and back to your bank.

Another change will be in your bank statement. You will have a picture of a substitute check, not a picture of the original check you wrote. This substitute check will be legal to prove payment.

I don't know how this important piece of legislation got by us, I think some of our state and national politicians could gain votes from both parties if they ran on the “repeal of Check 21”.

But most of them wouldn't know what “beating it to the bank” even means.

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Ashley D.
Returns From
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PINE RIDGE - Ashley D. Returns From Scout, 3, Pine Ridge, died Sunday, Oct. 10, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include her parents, Paul and Katie Returns From Scout, Pine Ridge; two brothers, Craig Returns From Scout and Jezic Returns From Scout, both of Pine Ridge; two sisters, Neve Returns From Scout and Daya Returns From Scout both of Pine Ridge; her maternal grandmother, Lulu Walking, Pine Ridge; and her paternal grandparents, Garnette and Julie Black Bear, Rapid City. Services were Thursday, Oct. 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge, with the Rev. Hermus Poor Thunder officiating. Burial was at the Walking Family Cemetery, Cheyenne Creek, Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Steve P. Red Fox

EAGLE BUTTE - Steve P. Red Fox, 73, Eagle Butte, died Saturday, Oct. 9, at IHS Hospital in Eagle Butte. Wake services were Sunday, Oct. 17, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte. Family and friends gathered at the 4-mile junction on Sunday to follow in procession behind a horse-drawn hearse. Services were Monday, Oct. 18, at the cultural center, with the Rev. Jeffry Barnes, the Rev. Norman Blue Coat and Deacon Dora Bruguier officiating. Burial was at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, with military graveside honors by CRST Lakota Akicita. Oster Funeral Home of

Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Patrick P.
Gibbons

CHADRON, Neb. - Patrick P. Gibbons, 62, Chadron, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Lois Bordeaux, Chadron; one son, Jeff Gibbons, Washington state; one daughter, Tammy Gibbons, South Carolina; two brothers, Bill Gibbons Jr., Gordon, and Jerry Gibbons, Rapid City; one sister, Agnes Tyon, Oglala, S.D.; and three grandchildren. Wake services were Sunday, Oct. 17, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee, S.D. Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 18, at the church, with the Rev. Rob Kroll officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Wounded Knee. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge, S.D., was in charge of arrangements.

Edith M. Tall

CHADRON, Neb. - Edith

M. Tall, 87, Chadron, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Crestview Care Center in Chadron. Survivors include one daughter, Janice Allison, Manderson, S.D.; two brothers, Victor Schurle, Green, Kan., and Lawrence Schurle, Clay Center, Kan.; two sisters, Elaine Berggren, Manhattan, Kan., and Esther Lousie Bergman, North Carolina; and one grandchild. Wake services were Monday, Oct. 18, at St. Agnes Catholic Church Hall in Manderson.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the church hall, with the Rev. Earl Adair officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Hot Springs, S.D. McColley's Chapels of the Hills in Hot Springs was in charge of arrangements.

Millard A.
Brings Plenty

PORCUPINE - Millard A. Brings Plenty, 40, died Oct. 14 at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. Survivors include eight brothers, Owen Brings Plenty, Stuart Brings Plenty, Blaine Brings Plenty, Dave Red Star, Jr. and Cameron Red Star all of Sioux Falls; Floyd Brings Plenty and Cornell Red Star both of Porcupine. Two sisters, Marie Brings Plenty, Porcupine; Ollie Brings Plenty, of Sioux Falls. A one night wake begins 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Porcupine CAP office with funeral services 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Porcupine CAP with the Rev. Joe Brown Thunder officiating.



Engle honored before leaving for Iraq

WANBLEE - Spc. Darla Engle was honored last week by the Wanblee community, American Legion Posts 321 and 269 and her parents Pierre and Faye Lamay of White River. Engle was deployed for the second time to Iraq on Sunday. She was first deployed last December with the 153rd National Guard Unit out of Winner and Wagner and came home Oct. 1 on temporary leave. Iva Good Voice Flute, Post Commander American Legion Post 231 of Oglala, presented Engle with the American Legion Blue Star Banner. The banner is displayed in the window of a military family to show that they have a loved one serving during a time of war. Left to right: Melvin White Bull, Faye Lamay, Spc. Darla Engle, Pierre Lamay and Joe White Bull. (Photo by Ernestine Chasing Hawk)

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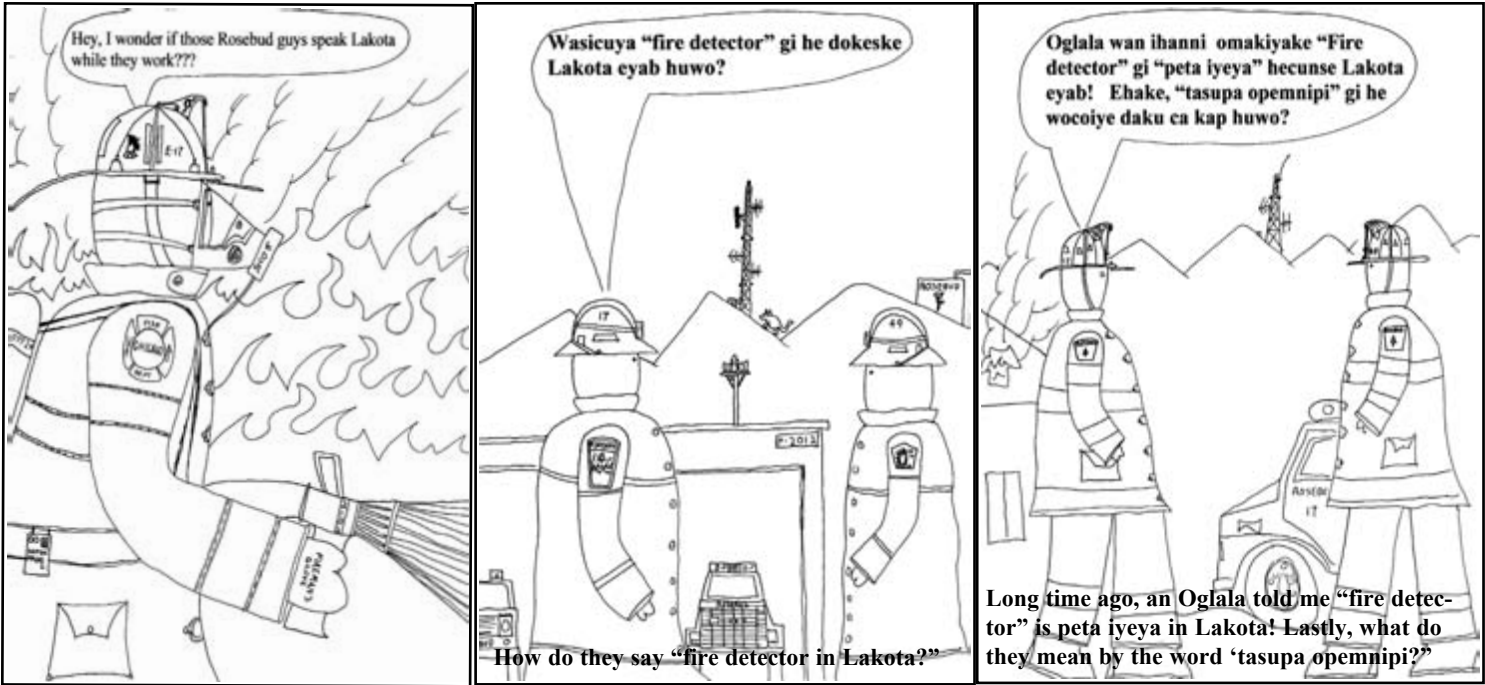
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Salads always add a great deal to any meal. Whether it's a potluck, a special family occasion or a holiday meal- a great salad helps to round out the meal. Here are some tried recipes that are delicious.

This salad is so good some people skip dessert and have another helping of salad!

Peaches and Cream Jell-O Salad

Crust:
1 ½ cups Ritz crackers, crushed
½ cup butter, melted
2 Tablespoons sugar
Mix the crust ingredients and put in a 9x13 pan, bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool.

Filling:
8 oz whipped topping (like Cool Whip)
1-cup sugar
8 oz cream cheese
Mix filling together and put on cooled crust

Topping:
2 -3-oz package peach Jell-O
2 cups boiling water
2 cups cold water (I use peach nectarine you can buy in a can or the juice from canned peaches)
1 -29-oz can sliced peaches, drained
Mix topping ingredients together and let Jell-O mixture gel in the refrigerator until almost set then pour on top of filling layer- refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

Easy Red Hot Jell-O Salad

2 cups boiling water
Dissolve in boiling water:
1 package of red Jell-O (can be cherry, raspberry, or any other red Jell-O)
½ package red hot
Add red hot to the hot Jell-O mixture, stir until dissolved.
1 can applesauce
Stir in Jell-O mixture apple-sauce. Refrigerate until set.

Jell-O Cucumber Salad

1 package lime Jell-O
¾ Cup boiling water
Dissolve Jell-O in hot water
Combine and whip until smooth:
½ cup cottage cheese

1 package cream cheese
Add to cheese mixture and mix until blended:
½ cup salad dressing
1 cup grated cucumber
1 small grated onion
½ cup chopped cashew nuts
Mix all ingredients together. Chill until set.

Red Raspberry Salad

1 package raspberry Jell-O
1 small can crushed pineapple
1 package frozen raspberries
Drain the raspberries and the pineapple juice into a saucepan and bring to boil. Add raspberry Jell-O and stir until dissolved. Add the fruit and cool until set.

Banana Cheese Salad

This is one of my favorites. Grandma used to make this for holidays.
2 packages lemon Jell-O
2 cups hot water
2 cups cold water
4 bananas
16 large marshmallows
1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
1-cup pineapple juice (from pineapple above)
½ cup sugar
2 heaping Tablespoons Flour
1 egg, beaten
2 teaspoons butter
½ cup whipped cream
¼ cup mayonnaise
½ cup grated longhorn cheese

Boil water and add the Jell-O, stir until dissolved. Add to Jell-O cold water, bananas, marsh-mallows and pineapple. Put in refrigerator until set. Stir until marshmallows dissolve. Cook pineapple juice, sugar and flour until thick, stirring constantly.
Take mixture off heat and add egg and butter- continue stirring.
Cool this mixture, and then add whipped cream and mayonnaise. Spread this mixture set Jell-O. Grate the longhorn cheese and sprinkle on top.
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Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes win back to back Region 5A titles

Robin Webber leads the way, Red Cloud's CaSarah Pine takes third

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

CUSTER - Robin Webber, Pine Ridge's super sophomore, topped off a great regular season by winning the individual Region 4A cross country championship in Custer on Friday with a time of 16:22, one minute ahead of Laura Muse of Custer. Webber's pace set the tone for the Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes who won their second straight Region 5A championship. Custer was second and Belle Fourche took third.

Christian Janis was sixth, Christy Webber was seventh and Aimee Pond was 14th for the Lady Thorpes as they get to take their entire girl's team to the State A Cross Country Championship on Saturday in Huron. Sophia Janis finished 15th and Megan LaDeaux was 16th.

Red Cloud freshman, Casarah Pine, finished third with a time of 17:31 while Little Wound qualified two runners for state, senior Shawntay Lupi in 8th in 18:08 and Mikayla Mitzel in 12th with a 19:09. The top 20 individuals and the top three teams qualify for state.

Todd County's girl's took second in Region 4A competition on Thursday, Oct. 14 in Chamberlain behind the host team. The Lady Falcons were led by Julie Bernie's sixth



CaSarah Pine, Red Cloud Indian School

place finish in 16:25, Kylie Wilson was 10th, Lisa Two Charge was 12th, Jenna Lucas was 13th and Emmy Her Many Horses was 15th.

The girls from Cheyenne Eagle Butte took third with Jordan Wohlleber finishing second in 15:31; Jordan Cook took seventh, Marisa Landreaux and Erica High Bear were 18th and 19th while Shannon Pearman was 23rd, and April Bachman was 25th.

St. Francis was represented by Stephanie Spotted Horse, Jesse Randall and Patricia Metcalf who finished 29, 30 and 31.

Catlin Friesz of Mobridge was the individual champ in 15:15.



The Pine Ridge Lady Thorpes: Coach Lynn Pine, Christian Janis, Christy Webber, Megan LaDeaux, Sophia Janis, Aimee Pond and Robin Webber. (Photos by Dale Pine)



Alex Wilson, Pine Ridge, won the boys division individual title.



Christy Webber, Pine Ridge, placed seventh.

Jumping Bull inducted into the Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame

Joins Rosebud's Rose Ecoffey as second Native American in Hall

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

CHEYENNE, WYO. - Last Month, Calvin Jumping Bull, long time singer, dancer and educator from Oglala on the Pine Ridge Reservation, was inducted into the Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame. According to the program, the Hall of Fame showcases individuals, livestock and organizations whose distinctive contributions to the Cheyenne Frontier Days have helped grow one man's dream into "The Daddy of Them All."

"The Cheyenne Frontier Days was a family tradition, my grandparents used to travel in a wagon to Cheyenne in the early 1900's," said Jumping Bull. "My grandmother rode race horses and my parents continued the tradition coming every year since the 50's," Jumping Bull added.

Jumping Bull first went to Cheyenne in 1962 and started dancing in 1963 as a fancy traditional dancer doing the chicken dance. After working under Rose Ecoffey (Princess Blue Water) and Norman Knox, Calvin headed up the Lakota dance troupe from 1969 to 1979.

"During those ten years, Calvin revamped the troupe, improved the various dance categories and worked to increase the participants salaries, living conditions, public relations, presentations and image," said the nominators.

According to Jumping Bull, there were 60-65 dancers who participated each year. Dancers traveled to Cheyenne, set up about 20 tipis and took part in a booster trip that traveled to Greeley, Colorado Springs, hitting the Broadmoor and Garden of the Gods before stops in Denver, Boulder, Loveland and Laramie, dancing at shopping centers and downtown at each stop.

"During the celebration, we would dance during each parade, dance downtown in the afternoon and visit the hospitals and Warren Air Force Base before dancing



Calvin Jumping Bull (Photo by Ernestine Chasing Hawk)

during the night shows," said Jumping Bull.

Since 1964, Calvin has sung with the Porcupine Singers traveling the pow wow circuit all over the US and Canada and even in Europe. Jumping Bull admits he still sits around a drum and sings and has been known to sing the Lakota Flag song or an honoring song when the need arises.

"It is harder to sing with the group today, there is a new generation coming up and there is a need to learn the old songs and how to be dedicated and how to respect the drum," admitted Jumping Bull.

Calvin has spent a lifetime involved in education - graduating from Oglala Community School in 1952 and earning a Bachelors degree in art education in 1957 from Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell. After working in Ft. Totten as an assistant coach in football and basketball and teaching physical education, Calvin spent three years in Cheyenne River with the guidance department then three years with an Emery University research project at Pine Ridge Elementary before becoming a county librarian for Jackson, Washabaugh and Shannon counties.

After working as a counselor and director with the New Careers

program in Pine Ridge and with the Title VII program at Loneman, Jumping Bull went to work for Red Cloud developing curriculum and teaching Lakota studies before settling into the elementary principal position for nine years. For the last 23 years, Calvin has been working with the Lakota studies department at Oglala Lakota College, first in Title VII, then as department chair and now as an instructor. He has also taught courses at both Chadron State College and Black Hills State University.

After 1979, Calvin quit dancing at Cheyenne Frontier Days, he continued to go there each year enjoying the incredibly diverse crowds that show up each year. Speaking of diversity, Calvin was inducted into the Hall of Fame this year with Roy Cooper, a great calf roper, George Strait, a country music legend, Wick Peth, a clown and bullfighter and Mr. T, one of the meanest and toughest bulls in the sport.

"Cheyenne Frontier Days is the best outdoor rodeo there is and each year I enjoy my lifetime pass, it gives me a great opportunity to stay connected with a fantastic event that has been a part of my family since the early 1900's," concluded Jumping Bull.

Pourier, Michaud lead Pine Ridge to homecoming win

Lower Brule gets overtime win to continue undefeated season

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE - Pine Ridge unleashed a deadly one-two punch to take a commanding 26-6 lead over Crow Creek Friday night in their homecoming game and cruise to an eventual 55-27 win.

Two minutes into the game, Dave Michaud, a sophomore back, covered a Crow Creek fumble and rumbled 55 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring for the Thorpes. Ryan Pourier hit Bobby Janis for an 11 yard touchdown pass for Pine Ridge's second score. Pourier, a junior quarterback, tallied Pine Ridge's third score on a seven yard run set up by play action in the backfield that let him cross the goal line untouched with less than a minute to go in the first quarter.

Pourier followed that success with a four yard pass to Janis for his second touchdown. Ryan Kirkie intercepted a Dave Michaud pass and ran it back 38

yards for a touchdown for Crow Creek's lone score in the first half.

Crow Creek's James Drapeau opened the scoring in the second half by grabbing a fumbled punt and running for a touchdown to close the gap to 26-12. Jeff Janis recovered a Crow Creek fumble and four plays later Philip Rowland, a sophomore running back, scored on a seven yard run. Thomas Kirkie scored on a nine yard slant off tackle to keep Crow Creek within 14 points.

Pourier injured his hand in the first half and saw no action in the second half. Michaud took over at quarterback and scored his second touchdown of the game bullying it over from the two.

One play after Pine Ridge lost a fumble at the Crow Creek one yard line, Sonny Iron Moccasin recovered a fumble in the end zone for a Pine Ridge score. Louis Ramos added another touchdown with the first of his two game interceptions, running it back from 35 yards out. After a JC Dillon interception, Brandon Kills Small topped off Pine Ridge's scoring with a 50 yard touchdown run from scrimmage making it 57-19. Crow Creek's last score came on a 84 yard pass from Thomas Kirkie to Calvin Bagola.

Pine Ridge moved their record to 4-3 and finish Friday on the road against St. Francis. Crow Creek is 3-4 and hosts

McLaughlin on Friday.

Kyle Middleton leads Lower Brule to overtime win over Hoven/Edmunds Central

Michael Grey, Lower Brule's quarterback, hit Charles Whitney on an 80 yard pass play on fourth and ten and then scored one play later on a three yard plunge to tie the score as time in regulation ran out. Kyle Middleton topped off a super individual day with a ten yard run for a touchdown on the first play of overtime and added a two point conversion on the ground for a 38-30 lead. Lower Brule's defense shut down Hoven on four straight plays for the OT win. Kyle Middleton ran for 237 yards and four touchdowns including a 65 yard run for a score.

Lower Brule wraps up the regular season with a homecoming game against Dupree/Isabel, Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Area football scores:

Belle Fourche	46
Cheyenne Eagle Butte	0
Bennett County	48
Red Cloud	0
Stanley County	45
St. Francis	0
Campbell County	38
McLaughlin	8
Todd County	56
Little Wound	0

Pine Ridge golf team sweeps Rosebud

GORDON, Neb. - The fourth annual Rez Bowl golf competition was held Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Gordon golf and country club. The contest is a 27 hole match play golf tournament between some of the best golfers of the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations.

Match play began at 9 a.m. Saturday morning in 35 degree weather, with the golfers wearing heavy jackets, stocking hats, and gloves. The first nine holes was a four man scramble format. Pine Ridge was the victor jumping ahead to a 2.5 to 0.5 lead. The next nine holes was a two

man scramble.

Pine Ridge came out on top 5.0 to 1.0, the last nine holes was a individual competition (man for man) with Pine Ridge winning 7.0 to 5.0. The Pine Ridge golf team was the overall winner sweeping the tournament 14.5 to 6.5. The champions representing Pine Ridge were Rich Patton, Dean Patton, Will Garnier, John Long,

Larry Bodin, Charlie Zimiga, Terry Campos, Shawn Keith, Joe Blue Horse, Ray Ghost bear, Casey Walton, John Mousseau, and Marty Brewer. The Rosebud team is Joe Prue, Zondo

Swalley, Mike Prue, Bird Whipple, T.J. Whipple, Wayne Claymore, Terry Star Chief, Beaux Swalley and Rob Whipple.

Next years competition will be held at Spotted Tail Golf course in Rosebud, and will include Cheyenne Eagle Butte.

Joe Blue Horse, of Pine Ridge, said the informal competition is an event between the reservation's top golfers for the past 15 years. The teams alternate the sponsorship yearly. He added in jest that the, "the Rosebud team is rapidly improving."


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Happy 16th Birthday to Ben Marshall on Oct. 25. Your very special to all of us. We Love You! Love Tish, Amber, Tatiana, Tayton, Mom, Dhose, Matt and J.R.

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Eileen Janis



Alex White Plume

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk • Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — Vice-presidential candidate Eileen Janis, has worked as the Assistant Treasurer for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and worked on the front lines of tribal government for the past several years.

Janis decided to run for office because, "I worked in the treasurers' office and I see the needs from all the districts and I know I can't help everyone of them. But

MANDERSON — In 2000, grassroots people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation occupied the Red Cloud Tribal Building because they wanted financial accountability from tribal leaders.

One of the people who sought change was Alex White Plume, the traditional

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IHS awards over \$2 million in diabetes prevention

Pine Ridge gets
\$404,000 for first year

By Anna Bee

Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — More \$2 million dollars has been awarded to the Pine Ridge Hospital for diabetes prevention.

Sherri Moore, Deputy CEO Pine Ridge Service Unit who authored the grant says the funds will be awarded over a five year period. "The first years funding is 404,000 and each year thereafter the amount is negotiable, finally totaling over \$2 million."

The competitive grant which was offered by The Indian Health Service an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services was targeted at prevention of diabetes among American Indians and Alaska Natives. "There were about 550 eligible applicants," says Moore, "and we are one of the 36 awards granted."

"Our first year," says Moore, "is a planning year to prepare for implementing the intensive and less intensive interventions, family activities addressing fitness, healthy cooking models and home gardens as part of the diet and nutrition facet, educational and clinical planning. We



Left to Right: Kathy Janis, Oglala tribal council woman; Bill Pourier, CEO, Pine Ridge IHS Hospital; Dr. Ed Sontag, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Sherri Moore, Deputy CEO, Pine Ridge IHS Hospital; Amy Beutler, SDPI Grant Project Coordinator, Pine Ridge IHS Hospital; Evie Weston, SDPI Grant Project Director, Pine Ridge IHS Hospital; Ray Grandbois, Acting CEO, Rapid City Sioux San Hospital; Stacey Ecoffey, Staff Assistant, IHS Headquarters; Moon Weston, Oglala tribal councilman. (Photo courtesy Charlie White Elk)

are targeting people over 18 who have been screened or diagnosed as pre diabetic, although we would not exclude any people already diagnosed from our activities".

"What is really wonderful

about this grant," said Moore "is the flexibility of the model. Each model will develop activities in accordance with the community because one standard would not meet the needs of each individual tribal communi-

ty. This ensures that a workable strategy can be implemented to meet the needs of each individual culture."

"There are four key players coming together to address the

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Gotheridge running for Bennett Co. Sheriff

By Ruth Steinberger

Lakota Times Correspondent

MARTIN — David Gotheridge, 46, is running for Bennett County Sheriff in order to bring Bennett County based law enforcement back to Bennett County and to create programs based on prevention, and a high profile and quick response by law enforcement.

Why is he running? He said, "I grew up in Bennett County. I have seen the past sheriffs and some of the things that worked here and some of the things that did not. I have a strong background in law enforcement and have a lot to offer the county. I've seen people who have shopped here targeted by law enforcement and who have decided to spend their money elsewhere. There are very good people in Bennett County and we need to be the best we can be."

Gotheridge has 17 years of experience with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Public Safety Office and is certified in law enforcement.

Gotheridge would like to reopen the jail in Bennett County. The jail is currently operating out of Winner, something that Gotheridge believes makes communication difficult for families, creates an extra burden on law enforcement and costs thousands of local dollars. He said, "I want to get our jail back up and running."

Gotheridge calls the removal of the 911 system to Winner, "A major concern." He said, "People who have tried to get through the 911 system have found that it takes 20 minutes to a half hour to get a response. It is serious. I live by the Martin Park, and I've seen it take 15 minutes for an officer to respond to a call here, even though the park is one block from the sher-

iff's department. We have a city police department and a Bennett County Sheriff's Department and neither one can respond in a timely manner. We've had a lot of car wrecks this summer and some may have been avoided if we had officers out on patrol. The acting sheriff drives here from Rapid City. We lose a lot of money because of the current situation."

Noting that the state requires two certified officers for each county, Gotheridge noted, "We have no certified officers in the county right now. Not BIA certified, not state certified, none are certified."

Gotheridge also noted, "We have teenagers here who have nothing to do. They wander the streets", something that Gotheridge considers a recipe for future problems. Gotheridge plans to work with other agencies to develop positive youth programs that include all youth in Bennett County.

Gotheridge spent four years in the Army, most of that time in Germany. He was Honorably Discharged in 1979. Gotheridge said, "I have been here most all my life, except for military service. After that I came back here to my home town."

Gotheridge explained that growing up in Bennett County he personally knows most of the people who live in the county. He said, "I know non-members and members alike. Some of the outlying communities have major concerns with DWIs and I can help with that. We must have outreach programs and law enforcement must have a very high profile. We have to be seen in the communities and remain visible. I had a lot of community policing taking place under me when I was with the BIA and I will bring that here. I am a supporter of strong prevention activities and community policing. I intend to take a high profile approach."



David Gotheridge, candidate for Bennett County Sheriff (Photo courtesy David Gotheridge)

ACLU questions county auditors
on voting registration applications

By Ruth Steinberger

Lakota Times Correspondent

KYLE — Republican efforts to halt the effect of expanded minority voting have heightened recently with high stakes in the upcoming election.

On Friday, the Lakota Times received a copy of a letter that The Voting Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union faxed to Attorney General Larry Long and Secretary of State Chris Nelson citing serious problems with county auditors in Bennett, Hughes, Jackson and Shannon Counties.

The county auditors are allegedly refusing to accept voter registration applications in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Help American Vote Act of 2002 and also possibly violating the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Recently, an ACLU report blasted Republican backed moves to purge voter roles and an Oct. 22 New York Times article revealed that Republicans are gearing up for a massive effort to challenge newly registered voters at the polls in key states in the presidential race.

One company that was hired by the Republican Party to register voters was caught destroying the registrations of individuals who had declared themselves Democrats. An unknown number of registrations were destroyed in violation of federal law, something likely to not be addressed until after the election, making it an effective tool by Republicans to offset registrations of new Democrats.

Newly registered voters in some places have declared themselves Democrat by seven to one. With tight races throughout the US, Republicans are attempting to strengthen their numbers by limiting access to the polls for newly registered and minority voters.

The letter to Chris Nelson and Larry Long, 'Requests immediate attention to an unlawful voter registration procedure that threatens to disenfranchise hundreds, if not thousands, of South Dakota voters on November 2.'

The second paragraph continues, 'It has come to my attention that county auditors in Bennett, Hughes, Jackson and Shannon counties have refused to accept voter registration applications on which the applicant did not answer both of the questions that appear at the

top of the form. Because these questions are duplicative of other information required on the form, denying the right to vote in state or federal elections on that basis would violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and rights secured by the United States Constitution.' The letter describes the checkbox on the South Dakota registration form that is being used to discard registrations.

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 required South Dakota to put the checkbox questions on the voter registration application. However, according to the letter, HAVA also provides that if, 'an applicant for voter registration fails to answer the [citizenship] question..., the registrar shall notify the applicant of the failure and provide the applicant with an opportunity to complete the form in a timely manner to allow for the completion of the registration form prior to the next election for Federal office.'

According to the letter, if the applicant has signed the oath on the form, nothing more is required in terms of the duplicative questions and HAVA does not

require or authorize the election officials to reject the form. The letter states, 'In fact, if county auditors refuse or reject voter registration applications for such immaterial omission, they would violate an independent provision of federal law...it is illegal for an election official to deny "the right of any individual to vote in an election because of an error or omission on any record or paper relating to an application, registration or other act requisite to voting, if such an error is not material to determining whether such an individual is qualified under state law to vote in such an election."...Thus if a county auditor denies the right to vote to a registrant under these circumstances, he or she will be violating federal law and will be subject to suit by the Attorney General or by a private citizen.'

The letter states, 'the refusal to register a voter based on such an immaterial omission also would violate the fundamental right to vote under the Fourteenth Amendment.'

In accordance with Election Assistance Commission (EAC) findings, at least six other states with similar forms including Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Washington and Wisconsin have

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Alex White Plume:

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Naca (Chief) for his Tiospaye (family), who lives quietly and peacefully in his scenic Kisa Park home.

White Plume said he did not run for political office before because tribal leaders promised change after the occupation.

“At that time I didn’t run for office because I had written to all the people about a promise that they would make a change for us and that change was a very simple thing—being accountable,” he said.

But in the last four years he said he saw no change and in fact watched as the tribe sank deeper into debt. After talking it over with his Tiospaye, he decided to enter the political arena on the reservation and run for the office of vice-president.

“I realized that in order to make a change that I have to put myself in there and to advocate for social change and this has to happen not just in my Tiospaye, but it has to happen across the whole nation,” he said.

White Plume said the problem with tribal government could be solved with better communication, “I think about 99 percent of our people don’t now what is going on with tribal government. We never get reports; we don’t see what the expenditures are. We don’t know what the money is being spent on. Because of lack of this knowledge, rumors evolve and before you know it—there is mass turmoil.”

“I have never seen a tribal chairman give an annual report on all the activities on the state of the nation. I hear them talk, but I would like to see that in writing so I can do my own research. We are being held back because we are not given any information,” he added.

White Plume is a traditional Lakota Wicasa (man) who practices the Lakota customs and speaks the language fluently. He believes in the traditional kinship system where the whole family is involved in raising the children because it helps them meet their social needs.

“The way I see things today with the tribal government is, we are going away from our power, we are going away from our culture,” he said.

White Plume has proved himself to be a traditional

role model, not only for his own family, but for many people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He lives a self sufficient lifestyle in a home he built with help from members of his Tiospaye. His family consolidated their heir ship land holdings and established a recreational park, called Kisa Park. On their property is a community center, which was also built by members of his Tiospaye.

His family raises buffalo and horses and operates a small trail ride business. They built their buffalo fences and corals from pine trees they cut themselves.

“I think one of the things that we should start considering is to increase the number of buffalo on this nation that we live on. The buffalo eats natural grass, there’s no steroids, no hormones, nothing in them that can harm us as a people,” he said and that one could sell all the by products and eat the meat which is healthy.

Currently, White Plume is fighting an ongoing battle with United States government for the right to grow industrial hemp as a viable business to support his family.

“Industrial hemp is a solution, we aren’t going to give up because we are onto something good,” he said.

“As the tribal vice-president, I will be a leader and I can project this role model, so the younger generation can see this. So they can have a good future,” he said.

White Plume promotes cooperation between tribal leaders to make the changes needed to provide permanent solutions to unemployment and economic development.

“It has to be a collective effort, it has to be teamwork, but this doesn’t seem to be happening. Everybody is saying, ‘I, me, I’m going to bring jobs.’ They should back off and say, ‘One person can’t do this.’ They should say, ‘We, us, *Hiyu po* let’s all do it together.’ This is what I am advocating,” he said.

One barrier he sees to the lack of long-term solutions that could provide self-sufficiency for tribal members is dependence, “The councilmen should be legislators, but basically they become social workers. They’re trying to pay your light bill for one month, fill your propane for

one month, and that’s just a little band aid that’s going to help for a few weeks and then you’re going to need help again. This is called dependence,” he said.

He believes tribal government should work toward empowerment of the people instead, “What I want to create is an attitude of ‘We can do it.’ Resources should be given to the families and let them build their own homes. Give them technical assistance and let them design the type of housing they want to live in. Let them decide what they want to do within their own communities. Let them decide what laws they can create to improve their own lives. This is what I want to advocate for the next two years.”

He said in order to gain information from tribal members as to what those needs might be, he plans to go into each the community on the reservation and solicit input instead of telling the people what can be done for them.

But he also sees the tribal trust status is an economic barrier for individuals to start businesses, “I think no one can create jobs or no one can create industry within our boundaries because we don’t have a mechanism to start a business. Even making a loan from a bank is real difficult because of our trust status,” and believes the tribal government should provide technical assistance to help create those small businesses. He advocates family coops as one solution to creating economic stability.

Should he win the vice-presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe he said he would work closely with the president, “As vice-president I can’t go out and do my own thing, I can suggest. But I will help the chairman and what ever he tells me to do, I will carry those duties out, faithfully to the best of my ability. I want to work for that chairman. When we make a leader, we need to all rally under that leader. And when that leader makes a vision statement, we should make decisions based on his vision statement,” he said.

“I want our tribe to be solid I want it to be on a good foundation. I want our government to be something everyone is proud of,” he said.

Eileen Janis:

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with the title of vice-president, I can do a lot more to get things going, like getting programs moving.”

Last winter, as assistant treasurer, she helped see the tribe through a financial crisis when many tribal employees were laid off and those that weren’t had to take a 20 percent pay cut.

But surprisingly she doesn’t see the tribes’ financial situation as the most pressing issue facing the tribe, “That’s slowly getting worked out, people are saying there’s all this debt and everything, but we don’t owe the banks.”

“My number one priority is health and how to better it. My mom has cancer and I see all the problems she goes through. I see the people that come in here and the problems they have. The hospital needs more specialized care and we just aren’t providing it. Our dialysis unit is in crisis mode right now, there is no more room for anyone to get dialyzed in Pine Ridge and we need help,” Janis said.

She is concerned because there are no specialized care givers at the Indian Health Service Pine Ridge Hospital like dermatologists, OBGYN’s or podiatrists for the diabetics.

Should she win the vice-presidency Janis said her biggest challenge would be, “If the council and the president don’t get along, being a mediator and trying to help them find a common path. I just see a big conflict coming with a brand new council; it is going to be hard for them to get along.”

What advantage does she believe she has over her opponent, “I will have more history for the council because I have been here and I know what is going on. I know what the bills are and I know what to do.”

She said her greatest strength is, “I have a heart for the people and I know the people—I know their needs. I talk with all the different districts every day or every other day. I know the system. I know what you have to do to get things done. I know the people. I get along great with all the program directors

and I can pull them together.”

She sees the tribes’ financial situation as something that is on the mend, “All we have are our past audits. As soon as we get those in, they will send it back and say it is disallowed. We go back and say it is justified, and they’ll tell us how much they took off and what we have to pay. So it’s finalizing and getting our 269’s out and that’s almost done. We are almost off high risk.”

She admits there is not enough funding to meet all the needs of the people on the reservation, but sees accessing state block grants as a way to meet those needs, “We don’t have enough money because we have so many people, but there are other places to find funding. Like we haven’t been to the state, all we’re getting is the fuel tax. I believe they can help us. I believe we can work with Jim Bradford or who ever gets into office and access more resources that are out there.”

Janis admits there are problems with the judicial system, “We need to get a separation of powers for sure. We are moving slowly and I don’t believe we have enough judges. I don’t believe things are being enforced as much as they could be.”

But she also sees positive changes and said she has been working with the Pine Ridge judge and helping him get long term offenders to treatment, “If they want to get to treatment, we’ll help get them there.”

She said currently the tribe is working on getting computers into the jail and is working with Oglala Lakota College to help inmates achieve a GED while incarcerated.

On the issue of education Janis said the Oglala Nation Education Coalition is doing a lot to come together to make education better for the kids, but said there is a need for alternative programs, because every child learns differently.

“I think we need the college to do more workshops for all our teachers because they are incorporating Lakota culture and Lakota values

into all their classes. We need to give the youth back an identity, so that they are proud of themselves,” she said.

Janis explained that currently, ONEC is working on standardization of the curriculum for schools all across the reservation.

When it comes to the issue of economic development, Janis said that tribal dollars should be spent within the tribes own economic structure, “We got to put into ourselves, just like the Jewish people do. Even if it costs a little bit more, let’s put every thing back into ourselves because we spend our money here—no one else does.”

She said when outside contractors are hired the money leaves the reservation, “But if we put into ourselves, our own contractors, our own training schools, it is going to stay here and we are going to build and if we hire our own contractors, they hire more employees and they hire employees from here.”

She expressed that there is a need for zoning ordinances and that tribal council needs to sit down and discuss with each district what their needs are and formulate a plan. She said currently trailer homes are being placed all over the reservation without consideration for the ecosystem.

“We have all the experts on the reservation. A lot of our people can do so much, it’s just that we never seek them out and we never sit down and take time to get it done. We need to slow down and take time to get all these things done first,” she said.

Janis spoke openly about her concern for the problems on the reservation and the need to make changes, “We need to make it happen, it needs to be enforced. There has been so much talk and nothing done. We need to stop now. We are going in crisis mode all the time and so we just need to say stop and let’s really think about this. Let’s get it done right for the future, so we have something for our kids when we are gone.”

5-4-3-2-1 Days Left Until Election Day!! Remember to VOTE!!!!!!!



RECORD NATIVE TURNOUT at the polls is the best way to show the country that we are active and engaged as a people. If we ignore the political process, the process will ignore us!

VOTE EARLY: You can vote any time from now until Election Day, November 2nd.

If you are registered to vote, take the time to get to the polls. If you don't have a ride, call us to arrange for transportation to and from the polls.

MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED

1. Are you still registered?

If you have voted in the past 8 years, you are still registered but you may be "inactive." Either way you can still vote!

2. Do you know where you are supposed to vote?

A ballot cast at the wrong precinct will not be counted! If you aren't sure where to go, call your County Auditor and ask them where you are scheduled to vote.

3. Do you have a photo ID?

You CAN vote without ID. Just ask for an "affidavit". But showing ID will get you in and out faster!

4. Call us for a ride to the polls!

Pine Ridge: 605-685-6305 or 605-441-0400

NO EXCUSES THIS YEAR! VOTE!

The Native Vote Project is a non-profit, non-partisan group dedicated to mobilizing Native voters. For more information or to arrange for a ride to the polls, visit <http://nativevote.us.com> or call us at (605) 224-4823.

Voter registration:

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determined that the application is valid as long as the applicant has signed the oath declaring citizenship.

The letter urges the Attorney General to 1) issue an immediate directive to all county auditors in South Dakota prohibiting them from refusing or rejecting a voter registration application on which the applicant did not complete the checkboxes and 2) review all voter registration applications that have been refused or rejected and to

accept any that were refused because of the checkboxes and 3) to take all necessary steps to ensure that any provisional ballots that were cast by persons not on the rolls because they did not complete the checkboxes are counted and 4) promulgate an administrative rule to make clear in the future that county auditors may not deny voter registration to an applicant who does not complete the checkboxes.

Jennifer Ring, Executive director of ACLU of the Dakotas said,

“This situation is of grave concern to the ACLU because an unknown number of people in several counties with high populations of traditionally disenfranchised voters, i.e. Native Americans, have been told they do not have the right to vote. And they do.” Ring said, “Anybody who believes they have been rejected based on this, or who thinks they may have been, should contact the county auditor, the Secretary of State and the ACLU.”

Diabetes prevention:

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needs of the community,” says Moore. “It is a collaboration where each and every voice at the table will be heard: The Oglala Nursing Program will use nursing students to teach the diabetic prevention curriculum, the Oglala Health and Education Program will help with fitness and its components and help with some counseling needs, the Oglala Lakota Nation Wellness Team will provide information relevant to culture and tradition and IHS Hospital will provide the administration necessary for the program. We

will also utilize physicians to for diagnosis and screening activities.”

“We have already identified Evie Weston, a registered nurse as the project director and Amy Beutler, dietician as the project coordinator and we will hire five more staff members. We have the money to buy exercise equipment, and we may house those fitness centers in the already established Oglala Nursing Program college campus locations, unless another group comes up with funds for a facility” says Moore.

“Moore adds, “The coordinating center for the grantees is in Denver, at the University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center. Our staff will be attending planning and training there six times in the first year. After the training and the learning of the curriculum, they will bring it back to the community to be modified to meet the Oglala tribal needs. After our year of planning, we will prepare for continuation for the second year the most important part: implementation of the plan.”

Youth and Politics: A face of discontent



April Clifford



Tad Montgomery



Jamie Bull Bear



Paul Bear



Louie Kill Straight



Amber Means

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — The discussion between April Clifford, Kalo Garrett, Loraine Janis, Dallas Janis, and Fern Red Owl on Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Youth Opportunity center when asked questions about their political preferences: would you vote for Russell Means or Cecelia Fire Thunder, Tom Daschle or John Thune or George Bush or John Kerry prompted the following discussion, with the contributors deciding not to individually quoted:

“What about us?” “All they care about are the old people. They don’t care about us. We need the help.”

“I don’t care. They don’t care about me, why should I care about them?”

“I wouldn’t vote for Russell Means, he lives in Arizona or New Mexico. My grandma was an AIMer.”

“My grandma was a GOONer and here we sit at the same table, eating togeth-

er. I don’t think that any of the candidates will do what they say I don’t think they can sit at the same table.”

“I don’t know I thought you had to live here, that’s what I think.”

“They always complain once they get in what the heck do they do with all their money, they go on trips?”

“What the heck did Bush do for us besides sent our men off and kill them?”

“I’d vote for Cecelia Fire Thunder. I wouldn’t vote for Russell. He doesn’t even live here. I say Daschle.”

“Probably Cecelia, she’s a woman. It’s time for a woman. Kerry, cause Bush likes to start war and kill off our men. I don’t know about between Daschle and Thune.”

The following students and young people decided to participate on Friday, Oct. 22 and allow their personal opinions to be known:

“My name is Tad Montgomery. I’m from Kyle

and I’m currently attending high school at Little Wound School. I am very interested in political issues that state the common wealth of our people. I am not able to vote because of age issues. However, if I was, I think that I would not vote tribal or national. By me not voting, in a way, I’m really casting my vote...however it is very important to vote, so when I am of age I will try it out. I’m Democrat, so I’d have to vote for Kerry...and Tom Daschle, one of South Dakota’s favorites I don’t know about now, and of course, between Russell Means and Cecelia Fire Thunder, I’d have to go with Cecelia Fire Thunder. She has a clean record. Shannon County is the second poorest county in the United States. We need to have more businesses on the reservation.”

“My name is Jamie Bull Bear. I’m currently taking GED classes.

I know I am voting for all the Democrats. And on the tribal, I’d rather vote for Cecelia Fire Thunder because I just don’t like Russell Means for some reason. Tom

Daschle, I already voted for him, but I think I made the wrong vote though. Because I saw an ad today and it said that he was trying to charge people to go up on Mt. Rushmore and stuff. You gotta pay \$5,000 to go up on top of Mt. Rushmore, it should be free. It made me not want to vote for him again. Bush or Kerry? I voted for the guy with the long face, Kerry. I voted for him. I don’t like Bush, he put us in the war. That Stephanie Herseth chick, she thinks she’s helping out the Indians, but she needs to come over here, it doesn’t seem like she’s helping us, we need a lot of help. We need something here, kids ain’t got nothing to do, we need a swimming pool or something.”

“I’m 23. Between Cecelia Fire Thunder and Russell Means, I don’t know what they are running for. Some of them want to rip us off...They don’t care about what the youth are doing,” said Verna Cross.

“They should build us a complex and all of that. They don’t look at us, they don’t think

about us. Maybe Russell Means, I think he could make a difference, because he already has all this money and a lot of pull with outside people that would bring in money to the reservation. He could put more people into jobs, and maybe help us youth more – build us complexes plus, he wouldn’t embezzle, because he doesn’t need the money. – Come on – Help Us! I’d like to say that ever since I was five years old the tribe made promises to fix our roads and houses. When can we have a break?”

“Between Daschle and Thune – neither. Daschle took our water rights away from us in the Missouri River, him and that Steele. It’s all politics. That guy ripped us off, I don’t think he will help us, I think he’s just a big old rip off. Between Bush and Kerry, maybe Kerry. Bush likes to send our people to war, Bush never thought about us, I think he’s racist.

Paul Bear, age 19. “I’d just go with whatever you know. I don’t know about this country sometimes. One thing is that I don’t want to vote.

Everybody else is voting it’s just one less vote. I don’t think it matters, I am just a regular citizen, just trying to make it through the world. I don’t care for politicians – that’s all I got to say about politicians.”

“My name is Louie Kill Straight and I would vote for Cecelia Fire Thunder and not Russell Means because Russ is all talk and no show. He says he will do something but he will not do it.”

Amber Means. “I am 12-years old. I would vote for Russell Means because he is a good leader. I wouldn’t vote for Bush or Kerry because I don’t like them, and I don’t know about Daschle or Thune because I don’t know anything about them.”

Carly Clifford. “I am 12-years old. I don’t know who I’d vote for because I don’t know Russell Means or Cecelia Fire Thunder. And I’d vote for Tom Daschle because I think he’s a very good leader, and I don’t really know John Thune. I would vote for John Kerry because he’s trying to change everything – the war and stuff.”



Cecelia Fire Thunder for OST President

Please come see me this week. I will be at the following locations:

- Thursday, Oct. 28 - 6 p.m.
at Little Wound School in Kyle
- Friday, Oct. 29 - 5 p.m.
Wakpamni Cap Building
- Saturday, Oct. 30 - 11 a.m.
St. Barnabus Church Brunch
for Medicine Root Lakota Men
- Saturday, Oct. 30 - 6 p.m.
Lacreek Cap Building
- Sunday, 1 p.m. lunch
at Porcupine School
- Monday, Nov 1 - 6 p.m.
Kyle Sr. Citizen Center dinner with
council candidates



Cecelia Fire Thunder
Providing Trust and Support for All people
To work together to create a better future
For generations to come.

“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. She does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of her actions, and the integrity of her intent. In the end, leaders are like an eagle, for they do not flock together, you find them one at a time.”

Mitakuyepi:

Ever since I was a child, I received encouragement and support from my parents, grandparents and tiospaye for the things I wanted to do.

I just turned 58-years old this past Sunday and have been asking you, the Lakota voter, to remember me on November 2nd when you cast your vote.

On behalf of my parents, Stephen Apple and Lollie Featherman Apple, my grandparents John and Mary Yellow Bull Featherman, Frank and Theresa Apple, and my relatives I am respectfully asking you to loan me the power of your name/vote for President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

I promise to take good care of your voice/vote by always practicing the values inherent in our culture that I work hard to live by. Then, at the end of the next two years, I will give it back to you.



Don’t forget to vote on Tuesday November 2

When the dust settles...

With the 2004 election just seven days away, many of us here at the Lakota Times are watching closely to see just how powerful the "Indian Vote" turns out to be. There have been at least five different political organizations working on Indian reservations across South Dakota in an attempt help Indians overcome the obstacles that keep them from casting their votes in state and federal elections.

Unfortunately, it would be pretty hard to convince me that there are few obstacles to voting in South Dakota. One of our staff members is registered in Moody County, and spoke to several campaign canvassers about obtaining an absentee ballot which never materialized. Now she must travel for more than six hours, stay the night;

spend at least two hundred dollars just to cast one vote.

A lot of us in Indian Country are keeping a close eye on the presidential race on Pine Ridge Reservation between Cecelia Fire Thunder and Russell Means. Should Fire Thunder win, she would be the first Lakota Winyan to lead the Oglala Nation. Should Means win, the Oglala Nation would probably make national headlines because of his close alliance with the American Indian Movement.

Either way it is the race to watch in Indian Country. However the economic, social and treaty issues that have received so much attention in the past few months with Daschle and Thune visiting every reservation in South Dakota will still be here once

the dust settles after the election.

Reservations across the state will still be struggling with high unemployment rates, drug abuse, challenged by economic development with few realistic and probable solutions. A new approach to old issues must be employed, as time has told us, the old methods of political warring and debates have not been successful.

In Cecelia Fire Thunder's platform, she speaks of using resources, networking and is known for her ability to bring groups to together to work for success. Cecelia has always promoted healing and wellness and moving forward. We need to this for our youth. Show them a leadership that cares. It is their power we are investing in what we do today.

Daschle cared enough about my mother to spend time with her and listen to her problems

Guest Editorial

Lakota Perspective

By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

I usually keep a low profile when it comes to politics, and keep my mouth shut most of the time. Expressing too many opinions can cause a person to lose friends. As election day draws closer we are bombarded with political ads about every 5 to 10 minutes and it becomes uglier every day.

I avoid listening to political statements and reading articles about politicians in the newspapers. No need to say how many lies are told or how many statements are taken out of context to make an opponent look bad. It is difficult to try to figure out what to believe. But, we know that actions speak louder than words. Once again, we have politicians coming in to talk about the poorest countries in the country, playing the "poor little Indian" game. They talk about us like we don't have any pride.

I keep hearing the word "liberal" like it is a dirty word. I think liberal means that you care about the welfare of the people. I think that a liberal candidate believes that all people should have the same advantages, equal health care, medicine, equal educational opportunities, and all other opportunities available in America. The liberal words are "us" or "we" as in our tribal societies. I think that if I live up to the teachings of our Lakota philosophy, I am a liberal and that makes me proud.

I remember many years ago when Daschle first ran for Congress. At that time not too many of us were voting. Yet, he came to the reservation that year and spent the night at my mother's house. My mother and stepfather never forgot about their time with Daschle. They sat and

talked late into the night. He listened to their problems about social security and health. I wonder how many other South Dakota politicians would feel safe enough on the reservation to actually spend days in Lakota homes.

Some time ago I was sitting at our IHS hospital reading and waiting to see a doctor and two men walked in. I thought at first they might be new doctors until I recognized one of the men from an ad campaign. I quietly observed their actions.

They stood at the door hesitating and unsure of themselves. One shoved his hands deeply into his pockets, looking like he had no neck he walked up to the counter. He stood there for a few seconds and when no one responded to him, he turned and walked out. It was obvious that he was very uncomfortable. I had never seen Thune on the reservation before that time and I wondered why he had come this time. Later, I heard that he came from one of the border towns that we hear so much about when people talk about racial profiling and discrimination.

How many politicians have come to a reservation when it isn't an election year? How many of them have publicly admitted that they found none of the group stereotypes about us to be true? How many have actually talked about ending discrimination and racial profiling against us in border towns? How many have been able to quote statistics on health problems, on infant deaths, unemployment rate, the continuation and acceleration of drug use, lack of adequate housing, an education system that graduates only 50% of our children, the lack of economic development and other problems prevalent on the reservations. How many of them have been able to talk about the good things happening on the reservation.

How many actually know

about treaty rights and support our sovereign rights? I wonder which candidate will actually speak up and make the government accountable for the mishandled money the government has been collecting since 1880, the money that was suppose to be held in trust for us.

The budget to increase services for our health was rejected by the Republican controlled Congress, instead they redirected the money already allocated for our health services to killing rather of saving lives.

Perhaps, now that our votes count maybe our problems will be taken seriously. Maybe if we had tougher immigration laws, maybe the 9-11 at New York wouldn't have happened and maybe we wouldn't have gone to war with a country who had nothing to do with 9-11. I think that some politicians feel good when they can try to save the world instead of looking at the problems in their own back yards.

My heart goes out to the families of the more than 1,000 young people killed in Iraq. 24 of them young women. We can never forget what happened on 9-11. I know the heartbreak of losing a child. I know that it is a worrisome situation for a grandmother who has grandchildren growing up in a era of war. If the draft is reinstated how many children of politicians will go to war? If our young women are drafted, will the Bush twins be drafted?

What do I know about politics? I know that a Republican controlled Congress cut the budgets that were allocated to us Native Americans. All I know is that I will vote for a person who has spent many years coming to the reservation and who cared enough about my mother to spend time with her and listen to her problems.

Anpetu waste yuha ye. (have a good day)



Letters

Indian veterans not represented at National Museum for American Indians

Dear Editor,

Humble Lakota Greetings. When the American Indian Museum was opening, I was in St. Francis attending two funerals of my uncles. Grandmas and aunts were there cooking food for the wake. One of my female cousins from Rosebud said it is only during funerals she sees so much food.

My auntie from Parmalee said the same thing. She is in her late 70s.

Our people are starving and the Museum is going to do nothing to help address the hunger out there on the reservation(s). I am very glad and honored that Tim Giago wrote the article about the museum.

Also, did you notice there is not any dedication to the American Indian Veteran in the museum either? Maybe it is because the American Indian veterans cannot raise the millions some could afford and put into it.

American Indian veterans have difficult time paying for the gas to get to their VA appointments. There should still be recognition done, for free, for the American Indian Warrior, the American Indian Vet.

Pilamaya,
Kimberly Irwin
Sicangu Lakota Oyate
Rosebud, SD

Daschle requests BIA review law enforcement staffing on Pine Ridge Reservation

Dear Assistant Secretary Anderson:

I am writing in regard to concerns that I have heard in recent weeks about the staffing levels for public safety officers on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in my state of South Dakota.

A number of my constituents have raised serious concerns about the inadequate numbers of police officers and resources available to effectively carry out public safety activities on Pine Ridge. In fact, according to one constituent, a single police officer was recently on duty at night covering a district that amounted to over three hundred square miles. The fact that the police officer was expected to respond to every call in this large area without any support is very troubling to me, and raises concerns about the overall effectiveness of public safety and law enforcement activities on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. As I am sure you are aware, Pine Ridge suffers from a high level of poverty, substance abuse problems, and high crime rates. It is therefore imperative that everything possible is done to ensure that these communities have appropriate levels of law enforcement and public safety officers.

While I am well aware of the serious funding shortfalls that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and all its programs have to deal with every day, it is also

important the resources that the BIA and its departments do have access to are used in a responsible and effective way that ensures that residents of Indian Country receive the highest quality services available. Therefore, I would respectfully request that you look into the staffing allocation of BIA law enforcement officers on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I would also ask that you work to determine what if any changes could be made to the BIA Office of Law Enforcement Services in general to ensure that its resources are used in the most effective and responsible manner possible on Pine Ridge, as well as throughout Indian Country. As you know the Administration's fiscal year 2006 (FY06) budget formulation process is underway and I urge you to submit a budget to the President and the OMB that reflects the great need for Indian law enforcement efforts.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future, and would ask that you fax your response to my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-6603, attention Brad Wolters.

Sincerely,
Tom Daschle
United States Senate

Treaties are the supreme law of the land

Dear Editor:

Treaties are the supreme law of the land, United States Constitution, Article IV, Clause II

Like Iktomi, he comes amongst us making false promises, giving dollars to our elderly and looking for votes.

I have just read a letter from John Thune, candidate for U.S. Senate. The letter presents shocking information about John Thune's beliefs in regards to the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie and the Treaties of the Lakota/Dakota/Nakota. John Thune is playing with the lives of the Indian people by his statements.

John Thune states in Paragraph 4 and I quote: "Acts of Congress supersede treaties; however some of the rules and regulations that come from Washington, D.C. can undermine efforts to bring economic opportunity and self-determination to Indian Country. Indian people need to be consulted on these rules."

This statement is blatantly wrong and very dangerous to all American Indians. It shows a complete lack of understanding of the relationship of tribal nations and the United States government. My uncle, my ancestors and now myself, as the Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe have stood strong to uphold the Treaties of 1851 and 1868. Our Treaties are valid legal obligations that the United States undertook and is bound to uphold. I do not understand how Mr. Thune believes that Acts of Congress supersede Treaties!!! What does that say for honoring the Treaties?

The Constitution of the Untied States says:

"Treaties are the Supreme Law of the Land!" The Constitution of the United States, Article IV, Clause II Reads:

"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuant thereof; and all Treaties made, where shall be made under the Authority of the United States, shall be Supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound; anything in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary not with standing;"

I also question Mr Thune's comment about Indian people being "consulted on the rules" Real consultation is when governments get together before rules become concrete and immovable. Tribes nation wide have been calling for meaningful consultation on a government to government basis. We want to be in on the decision making and planning that shapes policies affecting our people, and may take the form of federal rules. It appears that Mr. Thune doesn't understand how real consultation starts first when Governments come together before plans become concrete and immovable.

Mr. Thune mentions the government-to-government relationship, but leaves out trust responsibility! With treaty relationship comes trust responsibility: the United States government must live up to its obligations and honor Tribes with adequately funded programs: health care, housing, land, environment etc. "Great Men, like Great Nations should keep their Word."

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How can a person who served six years in the United States House of Representatives be so ignorant of the United States Constitution and the Treaty Rights of the 9 Tribes in South Dakota? What did Mr. Thune do for American Indians during his six years in Congress? What did he do to support our Treaties? Now, like Iktomi, he comes amongst us making false promises, giving dollars to our Elderly and looking for votes.

**Harold Frazier, chairman
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Eagle Butte, S.D.**

Daschle is not afraid to fight for us

Dear Editor:

This letter is to urge support of Tom Daschle for re-election to the United States Senate. Sen. Daschle has a long history of fighting for Indian people.

Sen. Daschle's opponent, John Thune, claims that there has been no progress on reservations nor have conditions changed much in Tom's 26 years in office. There is evidence that strongly contradicts Thune's assessment.

Take for example the Mni Wiconi water project, a pipeline of 5,000 miles of water transported from the Missouri River to the western edge of the Pine Ridge Reservation. When completed, the pipeline will serve the Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Lower Brule Indian reservations and a coalition of counties under the heading of West River/Lyman Jones.

Sen. Daschle has fought steadily from the beginning of Mni Wiconi for adequate funding to complete this project. When finished, this water project will have cost more than \$300 million and will serve more than 58,000 people. It presently employs 62 people, mostly tribal members. As each foot of pipe is laid more and more homes spring up along the water route.

Consistently, Senator Daschle has co-sponsored bills to fund the five South Dakota tribal colleges and universities and has repeatedly sought additional funding for improvements on their campuses. He is a strong advocate for more funding for school programs and structures and for financial assistance for students of all ages. He works consistently to increase funding for health care, housing, veterans programs, roads and economic development.

On the other hand, while John Thune also wants the Indian vote, during his six years in the U.S. House of Representatives he did little to help Indian people. Of the bills he sponsored or co-sponsored, only nine of 429 bills addressed Indian concerns. The one he is most proud of recognized the Lakota Code Talkers. This was a good gesture, but it provided no jobs or economic relief for the Indian people.

We need Tom Daschle as our senator. He knows the issues that tribal people face and he is not afraid to fight for us. And he does. All the time. Not just during an election.

**Doris Giago
Brookings, S.D.**

What has the Republican party done for you?

Dear Editor:

Bruce Whalen's much publicized article "Exploiting Indians" makes one think back to the 2002 election and wonder where were his team of Republicans? They certainly weren't on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The majority-voting block in Indian country has and always will vote Democrat.

The real issue here in Indian country is our living under the South Dakota Republican Party. Indian fighter Bill Janklow and the Republican Party never gave a tinker's dam about Indian issues or Indian voters. These Republican candidates are the same individuals who voted against every Indian issue that came to the state senate or house floor. These are the same individuals who backed every move Janklow made. Janklow was and is my ideal of what the Republican Party represents: schoolyard bullies; These candidates are the same individuals that voted straight party lines regardless of the issue.

The Republican Party line voting is a dangerous thing, whatever happens to individual thinking? The Republican Party catch phrase is Conservatism. It is their calling card or alleged calling card. Conservatism means big business in Indian terms. Indian issues are put aside in favor of big business every time. Who's being exploited Bruce? You or the Indian voters who remember Indian fighter Bill Janklow and his Republicans. If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, chances are Bruce it's a duck.

I ask you the voters from Indian County what has the republican party done for you lately. Absolutely nothing! Vote Indian! Vote for Kerry, Daschle, and Herseth. The Democratic Party was your father's party. Ask yourself what do I have in common with the Republican Party? Remember Indian fighter Bill Janklow and his Republicans and their voting record!

**Craig Dillon
Martin, S.D.**

Tribes hold primary elections the old fashioned way

Tribes hold Primary Elections the old fashioned way

When the Indian nations were given the opportunity to structure their own governments under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 those tribes signing on to the Act took their turn at establishing a Democratic form of government very seriously.

One of the political endgames that asserted itself over the years was that there were no political parties established on the Indian reservations. Instead a so-called voter choice and open primaries became the norm.

Candidates declared for an elective office, took out petitions to be signed by the qualified voters, and then started to campaign. They ran on their names only on the ideas they brought to the campaign.

As an example, in this year's Pine Ridge Reservation elections, 19 candidates took out petitions to run for the tribe's highest office, that of the tribal president. All of the names went on the Primary Election ballot and the voters cast their votes without party affiliation. The top two vote getters then moved on to the General Election to be held on Nov. 2.

A political evolution is emerging in California, Washington State and next year in Oregon. Washington and California hope to approve initiatives to abolish the political party primary that has been the engine that moved the voters for the past 50 years.

As explained by an article in the New York Times, "In almost every state voters in primary elections now nominate Republican and Democratic standard bearers for a wide range of offices, including United States senator and rep-

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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resentative, state positions like governor, state legislator, even judge. While this system is simple, choices are limited. If you're a registered Republican or Democrat, you can choose only from the candidates of the same ilk. (So-called crossover primaries in which voters registered in one party could help nominate candidates in a rival party were declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court in 2001.)

Now here is where this "new idea" begins to sound suspiciously like the system in use since 1934 on the Indian reservations. Under the change proposed in Washington and California, a change endorsed by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, every voter could vote for their favorite candidate of any party for each office. The top two vote-getters — whether they are registered to a particular party or not — would then advance to the November election.

How would this change affect the elections? Again, according to

the Times article, "For one, it would almost certainly increase voter turnout. During the 2004 election cycle, turnout of registered voters in state primary elections seldom exceeded 35 percent. The median age of voters casing ballots was nearly 60. But most experts feel this would change under the new system because every voter could participate fully in selecting the two major finalists for each office."

It seems that the Indian nations by holding on to the old system are now the leaders in the new voter choice and open primary measures.

If politicians tell lies in their ads, fine them

In this seemingly never ending election year consisting of brutal television and newspaper ad attacks, it appears that any ad is acceptable no matter if it is filled with lies and half truths. The Sioux Falls (SD) Argus Leader, a Gannett newspaper, is looking at the advertisements and they have started a column that looks at the ads and takes them apart for honesty or distortions of the truth. This is a good thing.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if campaign reform would add a provision that if an ad is proven to be resolute in its dishonesty, that the party, person or committee responsible for the ad be fined?

Now that would go a long way into bringing honesty and integrity back to campaign advertising. The bigger the whopper, the bigger the fine.

Reforming the federal recognition process

One other suggestion I have been repeating over the years has to do with the way tribes are given federal recognition by the Bureau

of Indian Affairs. First of all the criterion for federal recognition needs to be seriously revamped. Too many questionable tribes are gaining federal recognition with the sole purpose of starting up a lucrative gaming operation.

In several columns I have suggested that a provision be added to the recognition process that a 10-year waiting period become mandatory before any newly recognized tribe would be allowed to open a casino. This would put a severe damper on those wealthy supporters of a group seeking federal recognition. These wealthy supporters often put up the money toward recognition and even assist in the search for substantiating documents by the tribal applicants. In some cases some of us suspect that the supporting documents were created out of whole cloth.

If they were forced to wait 10 years in order to recoup the investment they made in any group seeking federal recognition, I believe they would not be so hasty to do so. And if any legitimate group seeking federal recognition had to wait 10 years to open a casino the wait would not matter because, after all, they are supposedly seeking to reclaim their heritage and not to open a casino.

Changing the way the BIA does things will probably be much more difficult than observing all 50 states changing the way they hold their primary elections.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame along with former SD Senator George McGovern in 1994. He can be reached at giagobooks@iw.net)

Our congressional delegation captivating Rosebud

**By Dr. Archie Beauvais
Special Editorial**

"Captivating Rosebud" was going to be the title of my great Native American novel, but it has not been written yet, so I best hold off.

In the midst of a color explosion on the Rosebud, the color line has gradually submerged us from the north. Autumn is upon us and red sumac and foliage of yellow, brown and green can be seen. Fishing at many of our dams can be such a relaxing experience, especially when the weather is so warm at times. My son would rather play outside all day and enjoy the warm sun as it shines down and hints at cooler days. Sometimes when you stand outside you can hear children playing after school and I realized it is the happy sounds that many elders love to hear. Sooner than we realize, the air will turn brisk and then we will all move a little quicker as we warm up our cars in the morning, or reach for a hot cup of coffee. My son says when cold weather arrives, it reminds him

of hot chocolate, me making muffins and him covering up with a blanket and watching television. One time, we had to laugh because I made blueberry muffins, but I had left out the blueberries.

I am impressed when I see congressional people like Stephanie Herseth, and Senators Daschle and Johnson touring the reservation. My views and experiences have always been rather provincial. Provincial, meaning that I do not roam far from home and my perspectives and viewpoints are limited to Lakota people and surrounding reservations. I often wonder if other tribal citizens think like me, as we mull over the societal problems we face and the possible solutions.

For Lakota people, there is a historical understanding that voting for the Democratic ticket is going to make life a little bit easier. The strategy to get out the vote in Lakota country is a wise approach as more people seek to support our congressional delegation. There are many pressing needs of the

Lakota that require increased federal funding. There are many priorities that fall into the category of 'immediate daily needs' such as health care and prevention, winter heating, housing, benefits for military veterans, needs of the elderly and children, and other domestic and social service needs.

Because of our astounding unemployment rate, which hovers somewhere around 80%, I like to teasingly say "if we were white people, we would be marching on Washington." Given that that is not practical, it is easier to march to the county building and vote absentee today, or wait and go to the polls on Election Day.

I am not familiar with the contents of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty. I owe it to myself to read it and to understand that in exchange for He Sapa, the United States government obligated itself to pay the Lakota people for the land, gold and other resources that remain rich and priceless today.

Our congressional delegation

should address the Black Hills issue and explain the Mitigation Act to us. Those issues aside for the moment, indeed we need to continue to get out the vote for them. I offered to help a couple of times, but being an independent sort I never heard anything concrete. I do not think they remember me. Hey, I did get a letter from John Thune once, when I was honored by the North Central Association (NCA) of Chicago, IL. I still have that letter somewhere.

Finally, as we tally up the past votes in congress for legislation that supports the Lakota, it's our congressional delegation who is "Captivating Rosebud." My novel is just going to have to wait.

Dr. Archie Beauvais (Nagik Sapa-wise spirit) earned his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from Harvard University. He resides on the Rosebud and taught at Sinte Gleska University for 20 years. At present, he works in graduate studies at Oglala Lakota College.

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SuAnne Big Crow swimming pool. (Photo by Anna Bee)

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — Leatrice “Chic” Big Crow noted that Corporal Martin Goudreault from Canada is a blessing to the SuAnne Big Crow Boys & Girls Club. “*Tunkishila* always puts the right people in my path. This is just one example. It’s an opportunity to help us bring our swimming pool closer to the community,” says Big Crow.



Leatrice “Chic” Big Crow

“We haven’t been able to offer the pool to everyone the way we would like, and Martin is here to help us train lifeguards. That will allow us to have the pool available more of the time, because we will have lifeguards available. Before, we were only able to offer programs mostly in the summer, when we had some kids from Chadron to life guard. Now we can train local people.”

Rick Barry, unit director for SuAnne Boys & Girls Club said, “Today we have about 73 young kids here. As the weather gets colder we will have even more. Every child is welcome and no child is ever unsupervised.” “Everybody is busy,” he said, “Every child is watched. If we see someone sitting on the side lines we pull them into an activity.”

Chic recalled, “When my daughter SuAnne was here she told us, ‘When I go away to college, I will come back and create Happy Town. She didn’t get that opportunity, but she is the motivation behind what you see here today. SuAnne had a philosophy and you can see it on the bulletin board when you come in, it says: ‘work hard, be dedicated, develop a thick skin and most of all, do it yourself!’”

“We started with just \$32 and lots of motivation to get it done” says Big Crow. All of our labor to get it done was volunteer; it brought people together who had split in 1973 in Wounded Knee. Some people brought hammers and nails, others food and conversation. All to help create SuAnne’s dream – a place for children, a

happy town.”

“Recreation is just part of what we do,” says Big Crow. Our main focus is really youth development. We spend most of our time on health and education with recreation mixed in. We really have five core areas: sports and recreation, health and fitness, education and technology, the arts and character and leadership. We have so many programs, that I am afraid that I might leave some out,” said Big Crow. We have the TRAIL program (Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life). It is a pilot program, so we are the developers. We focus on diabetes prevention through activities like awareness of traditional foods. We dry meat, corn and berries, if there are any around,” said. We also try to change eating habits and spark activity like walking. We have a partnership with the Oglala Nursing and Diabetes Program.”

“We encourage cultural awareness through drum group, story telling, and we are currently building a sweat lodge. Tom Thunder Hawk is our cultural advisor. Right now, we are just waiting for a large tarp from the National Guard.”

“We have a summer reading program, and the teachers in the area tell us they notice the difference. We had 37 students graduate this summer we also have a group of artists from Minnesota that come in and work with the kids. We have ‘Power Hour’ during the rest of the year; anytime a parent feels a child isn’t doing well in school we provide



SuAnne Big Crow center offers arts and crafts activities to children such as Halloween pumpkin decorating. (Photo by Anna Bee)

tutoring...we grab them when they come in the door.”

“The SMART program is one that our kids respond to. We have Street Smart, Smart girls Smart boys and Smart kids. Just say no to drugs, alcohol, teen pregnancy and self esteem issues for girls.

“We provide a targeted outreach gang intervention and prevention program. We just keep ‘em busy,” says Big Crow. We might have 100 teens a night. We open at 1 p.m. and close at 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and we are open 5 p.m. to midnight on Saturday. Membership is only \$15 per year, which is .03 per day. If someone can’t afford that, we have work programs for either the parents or the kids so that nobody gets left out.”

“Job ready class is a program that gets teens ready for the work force,” says Big Crow. “It is a national boys and girls club program. The kids have 6 weeks classroom work to encourage community service, healthy lifestyles, and good work ethics. We teach them how to do a resume and for 3 weeks they work in the club to reinforce practical application of their skills.

“We encourage and teach them to be accountable and on time. Happy Camp, our restaurant is one of the places they work. I know they won’t be cooks or waiters or waitresses all their lives, but it gives them

good solid experience. We also station them in other parts of the club.”

“We’re looking forward to our new skate board park,” says Big Crow. “We got a Tony Hawk Skateboarding Grant. It’s just a matter of waiting on the cement – and the weather.”

“The kids,” says Big Crow, “everybody talks about them being sacred, we do more than talk, and we treat them that way. It has been a real struggle sometimes, to keep these doors open. We do get some funding from the tribe, but we are an outside organization. We open

our doors to all children, not just the tribal kids. We have struggled for 14 years to create SuAnne’s dream, we have gone without pay checks, we have really struggled, but it’s been worth it.”

Stephanie Herseth to Visit Pine Ridge and Rosebud on pre-election day tour

PINE RIDGE — As part of her re-election efforts, Stephanie Herseth, candidate for South Dakota Congress, will be embarking on a statewide bus tour and will include a stop in Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Rosebud Indian Reservation on Nov. 1.

Stephanie would like to meet-and-greet folks at Big Bat’s Shell in Pine Ridge Village from 12:30 to 2 p.m. MST. She will be in Mission, starting at 3:30 p.m. CST, walking the main street business district to meet and greet voters from the Rosebud area.

OLC board of trustee election to be held Nov. 2

KYLE — The Oglala Lakota College announces the following vacancies and candidates for the board of trustees. The board of trustees elections will be held in conjunction with the Oglala Sioux Tribe General Election on Nov. 2

Pahin Sinte College Center – Porcupine Board of Trustees: Richard Iron Cloud and Edward Iron Cloud III.


East Wakpamni College Center – Batesland Board of Trustees: Bennett Sierra and Charles Chuck Conroy.

Pejuta Haka College Center – Kyle Board of

Trustees: Mona “Sis” Patton, Connie Whirlwind Horse and Juanita Scherich.

Any registered eligible tribal member who meets the district residency requirement and is listed on the OST voter’s list may vote for the candidate of their choice in their respective district.


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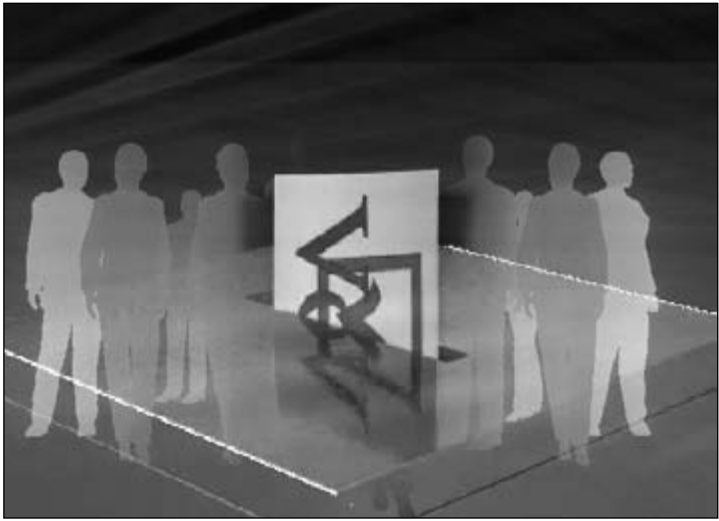
By Ruth Steinberger
Lakota Times Correspondent

NEW YORK CITY — A report released by the voting Rights Project of the ACLU on October 19 revealed how a patchwork of seriously inconsistent voting systems could deprive millions of Americans of the right to vote.

The report entitled, “Purged” details how many states use disenfranchisement of convicted felons to purge voter lists. The system often fails to inform people that they were removed from the voter list, lacking assurances that the people intended for disenfranchisement were the actual ones that were removed from the rolls and often targeting individuals who should not have been targeted.

Rights of individuals convicted of felonies are suspended while they are incarcerated, on probation, or on parole. There is no automatic restoration for persons convicted of more than one felony; the person must wait two years before applying for civil rights restoration at the end of probation. The number of disfranchised voters by 2000 was 147,340.

Nearly 5 million American citizens, two percent of the voting-age population, have lost the fundamental right to participate in our political process. African-American men make up one and a half million, nearly a third overall, of this number. Three in ten of the next generation of black men can expect to be disfranchised at some point in their lives. Because of the large numbers of Indians incarcerated in western state prisons,



the number of disenfranchised voters in this group is also quite high.

Purges of people with felony convictions from Florida’s voter rolls during the 2000 and 2004 elections are well known. However, the history of purges of voter lists started immediately after African Americans were granted the right to vote. After the 15th Amendment was ratified in 1870, forbidding states from depriving citizens of the vote because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, many states deliberately adopted purge policies, revising their criminal disenfranchisement laws so as to prohibit many blacks from voting.

In 2000, thousands of legal voters were purged from Florida’s voter rolls. One list sent to Florida officials erroneously included the names of 8,000 Florida residents who had committed misdemeanors – not felonies – in Texas. The list also mistakenly included thousands who had had their voting rights restored. After these and other errors were publicized, the state

withdrew its felon purge list. While Florida’s purges of felons from voter rolls in 2000 received national attention, little is known about the procedures other states use.

Findings about the process of purging people from voter lists revealed that one-quarter of the states surveyed compile their purge lists without reference to any legislative standards whatever. No state surveyed has codified any specific or minimum set of criteria for its officials to use in ensuring that an individual with a felony conviction is the same individual being purged from the voter rolls. Additionally, two-thirds of the states surveyed do not require elections officials to notify voters when they purge them from the voter rolls, denying these voters an opportunity to contest erroneous purges.

In all three areas that were examined in the report, inconsistent practices were found both across and within states, even in states with identical disenfranchisement laws.

Purge lists are vulnerable to

inaccuracy. One-quarter of the states surveyed have no legislation that specifies the type of felony conviction data in-state source agencies must convey, while half of the states surveyed only require in-state source agencies to convey an individual’s name and address, a high risk proposition where an individual has moved and matching is done on name alone.

Recommendations include advocacy for streamlining the list compilation and codifying and standardizing the felony conviction data that source agencies and other states provide; requiring source agencies to provide felony conviction data simultaneously and frequently; and including notification of overturned felony convictions from state to state and within states. Not a single state surveyed has codified any specific or minimum set of criteria that must be used by officials in ensuring that a person with a felony conviction is the same person being purged from the voter rolls. In many cases, the counties within a given state use quantitatively and qualitatively different information.

The report revealed that only four of the 15 states surveyed address this issue of due process by statute. Of the 11 others, five reported providing varying types of notice and an opportunity to contest the purge; four reported notifying people only after they have been purged, and two reported providing no notice at all.

Recommendations include that states should adopt statutes that specify and standardize matching criteria.

Three die in Allen fatal car accident

ALLEN (AP) — Two Wanblee women and a baby died in a fiery car accident Oct. 20 on a gravel road north of Allen.

Charlotte Chipps, 22, Margaret Chipps, 28, and Margaret’s 6-month old daughter, Johanna Waters, all three burned to death after the vehicle they were riding in crashed into a tree.

Three other people in the car were injured are are still hospitalized at Rapid City Regional Hospital, according to Richard Armstrong, Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement special agent in charge.

Armstrong said he did not know the identities of the injured people.

Officials haven’t finished determining the cause of the accident, but alcohol was a factor. The accident occurred on BIA Route 9 about four miles north of Allen.

A preliminary investigation indicated that the vehicle went out of control on the gravel road and struck a tree, causing the vehicle to catch fire.

Armstrong said no charges have been filed because investigators have not determined who was driving at the time of the accident.

The BIA, Bennett County Sheriff’s Office and the South Dakota Highway Patrol are investigating the accident.

Russell Means arrested at Pine Ridge rally

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities arrested American Indian Russell Means, 65, on Oct. 23 for failing to appear in federal court a day earlier to deal with some traffic tickets.

Means, one of two candidates for president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the Nov. 2 election, was ready to appear at a student rally at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge when “four cops and a (criminal investigator) come in asked him to step outside,” said Eileen Janis, Means’ running mate.

He was freed on bond three hours later after friends drove to Manderson to buy a \$510 money order.

After his release, Means said, “There’s no excuse, I was just campaigning too hard.”

Means said he is pleading not guilty to five traffic tickets issued in Badlands National Park earlier this year.

Federal Magistrate Marshall Young issued the warrants after Means missed his court date, U.S. Marshall Warren Anderson of Sioux Falls said. Warrants were issued for each traffic violation and for failure to appear.

Means said he offered to pay the \$510 bond with a personal check or a credit card, but the arresting officers would not

accept that payment. “They wanted a money order,” he said. “So right there in front of the police, the people of Pine Ridge Village took up a collection and raised the cash.”

Anderson said the federal court does not accept a cash bond.

It’s difficult to get a money order in Pine Ridge on a Saturday afternoon because the post office closes at noon, Janis said.

“It’s just unconscionable that they wouldn’t accept my cash,” Means said. “If you have cash or a credit card, what more do you need in this modern society?”

A supporter drove to Manderson for the money order while Means sat in the Pine Ridge jail. He spent just over an hour in custody.

“They treated me very nicely,” he said. “I sat right there in the visiting lounge on an easy chair waiting for the bond.”

Then he had to wait more than 11/2 hours for a receipt because of computer problems. He said he spent longer waiting for his receipt than he spent in custody.

But he made it back to Billy Mills Hall to speak to the students.

All Nine South Dakota tribal chairmen endorse Tom Daschle for United State senate re-election

SIOUX FALLS — Leaders of South Dakota’s nine Indian tribes formally announced their endorsement of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and urged all South Dakotans to participate and vote this fall.

“I’m honored to receive the endorsement from every tribal chairman in our great state,” said Senator Daschle. “As a leader in the Senate, I have had the opportunity to work closely with tribal leaders from across South Dakota and we will continue to work together to improve the quality of life for all Indians in South Dakota.”

“Senator Daschle has been a tremendous advocate for native people,” said President Charles Colombe of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. “Senator Daschle listens to our concerns, works with us and gets things done for Indians throughout South Dakota. He’s been there for us and we’ll be there for him on Election Day.”

The nine tribal chairmen endorsing Senator Daschle include:



Tom Daschle

Harold Frazier , Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Duane Big Eagle, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Leonard Eller, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Michael Jandreau, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
John Yellowbird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe
Charles Colombe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
JC Crawford, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe
Charles Murphy, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Madonna Archambeau,

Yankton Sioux Tribe

“Unlike his opponent, Tom Daschle has a long record of accomplishment for Indian people,” said Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Chairman Harold Frazier. “Even after six years in Congress, Mr. Thune simply does not understand how tribes and the federal government should work together to improve life in Indian Country.”

In the Senate, Daschle has fought to improve health care for Native Americans, spon-

soring an amendment that would significantly increase funding for the Indian Health Service. While per capita health care spending for the general U.S. population is about \$5,000 each year, per capita spending for IHS beneficiaries is about \$1,900 each year. Shockingly, per capita spending on health care for federal prisoners is approximately \$3,800 per year. Still, every Republican Senator opposed Daschle’s amendment.

In his six years in the House of Representatives, John Thune introduced or co-sponsored nearly 430 pieces of legislation. Despite the ongoing health care crisis in Indian Country, not one of Thune’s bills addressed health care in Native American communities.

“The underfunding of the Indian Health Service is a national disgrace with tremendous consequences for Native people,” said Daschle. “As long as I am in the Senate, I will continue to fight to provide all native people with the high quality health care they deserve.”

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Pine Ridge Village to get face lift

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — The landscape around Pine Ridge Village will soon be beautified thanks to a Community Facilities Grant, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe and Pine Ridge Councilman Lyle Jack.

Grants totaling more than \$109,000 were used to purchase new heavy equipment which will be used to clean streets, build fences, plant gardens, mow lawns, remove garbage, plow snow and landscape yards in and around Pine Ridge Village.

In order to obtain a USDA Community Facilities Grant, which is administered through the Empowerment Zone, applicants must match 25 percent of the grant with non-federal funds.

Last spring Jack was able to secure \$25,000 from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe and an additional \$1,500 from a private investor.

With the grant, the community purchased a Bobcat with attachments including street cleaner, snow blower, front end loader, post hole auger, ditch witch and a mower. They also purchased a separate heavy duty lawn mower and a dump truck.

He explained that the purpose for obtaining the grant is twofold, to help beautify the community as well as provide jobs.

"We will provide the equipment, at a charge though, because we have to provide some kind of employment, which was the whole basis of the grant. We hope to create at least two or three heavy equipment operating jobs," Jack said.

The employees would clean streets, clean yards, plant grass, mow lawns, build fences and remove snow, but at a cost to some tenants.

He said he hopes to work with other community programs to not only help pay for the cost of the beautification project but to also formulate ordinances that



Lyle Jack

will require community residents to continue to upkeep their property.

"I hope to pull in Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Housing Improvement Program and Housing Authority to sit down and write a beautification ordinance," Jack said.

"Then what I want to do is pass this ordinance. Then we'll go out and we'll clean your yard and plant your grass at a charge to housing or I.H.S. or BIA. Then the ordinance will require that you upkeep your yard," he added.

He said the ordinances would be similar to the ones in the cities where if a person does not keep up their yards and mow their lawns and shovel their snow, the city comes out and does it for a fee.

He said businesses in town would also be contacted and offered clean-up services. The employees would also clean the streets of Pine Ridge on a regular basis.

According to Jack, BIA is currently responsible for street cleaning but lacks adequate funding for maintenance. He cited a recent clean-up effort in which sidewalks were found buried under many inches of dirt in the Pine Ridge Village.

"What we want to do is give people a sense of pride in their own property and their community. I think in the long run this is going to bring investors into our community. If they see our



A Bobcat was one of the machines purchased to beautify Pine Ridge Village public areas. Other equipment includes a street cleaner, snow blower, front end loader, post hole auger, ditch witch, a mower and a dump truck. (Photos by Ernestine Chasing Hawk)

town is clean and well kept they will want to bring their businesses here," he said.

In addition to helping secure the Community Facilities Grant, in two terms of office in the Pine Ridge District as a council representative, Jack helped to prioritize the district as a qualifier with the EPA, I.H.S., and the BIA for a new \$3.3 million waste water treatment plant.

"The site is located two miles

south west of Pine Ridge Village and is ready for ground breaking, as soon as the historic impact report comes in from the archeologist."

"It will be able to process about two times as much waste water as the current system. Pine Ridge currently uses about 250,000 gallons of waste water per day, and this system will allow for the expansion of business and industry in the area, by

providing adequate waste management, a qualifier in feasibility studies done by businesses. It will also allow for the shutting down of our antiquated lagoon system which leaks and is obsolete. We will save money on the maintenance allowing for the using of those funds to some better purpose."

Jack is currently working on a project to bring a new strip mall to Pine Ridge, with plans for a

bank (three banks have made application), new post office, optical office and additional space for three more businesses.

Jack says, "I've had a lot of help on the way and it really feels good to see things work out in a good way for the people. I really like what I do. Seeing projects completed makes it all worth it."

Absentee voting in tribal elections and polling places listed

KYLE — The tribal election will be held to coincide with the state and federal election next Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004. The following are frequently asked questions about the tribal election.

CAN I VOTE ABSENTEE IN THE TRIBAL ELECTION?

Yes. The tribal election office is located in Little Wound School Technology Office (under the old auditorium) Kyle. You can vote absentee from today through Monday November 1st- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CAN I VOTE IN THE TRIBAL ELECTION IF I LIVE IN RAPID CITY, BUT AM ENROLLED AT PINE RIDGE?

No. Currently you cannot vote in the tribal election unless you are a resident of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. In the year 2000 the tribal council was presented with a resolution to create a precinct in Rapid City for members who had to relocate due to housing or jobs. This was not passed.

CAN I VOTE IF I LIVE IN ONE DISTRICT NOW, BUT AM ENROLLED TO VOTE IN A DIFFERENT DISTRICT?

Yes. You can "challenge vote" in the district you are no living. However, it would be a good idea to change your district voting registration before the next election. You can do this by going to the District CAP office and ask to change your tribal voter registration.

IF I HAVE NOT VOTED IN THE LAST FEW TRIBAL ELECTIONS, CAN I STILL VOTE?

Yes. You may have to challenge vote this year, but will be added to the rolls for the next election.

WHERE ARE THE POLLING PLACES AND WHAT ARE THE HOURS THEY ARE OPEN?

Below is a list of polling places on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The polls are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Nov. 2. If you need a ride to vote on Nov. 2, please call 605-867-1673.

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Kyle Cap
Mediator Church

St Henry's Church (Potato Creek)
John and Mildred Apple

LACREEK DISTRICT
Martin Cap

PORCUPINE DISTRICT
Porcupine Cap
Sharps Baptist Church

PINE RIDGE VILLAGE
Billy Mills Hall

EAGLE NEST DISTRICT (WANBLEE)
Crazy Horse School

WHITE CLAY DISTRICT
Red Shirt School
Our Lady of the Sioux Church

WOUNDED KNEE DISTRICT
Manderson CAP
Sacred Heart Church (Wounded Knee)
Rockyford School

WAKPAMNI DISTRICT
Batesland College Center
St. Andrew Church
Payabya/No.4 Formerly 7th Day Adventist
Loafer Camp-Red Cloud Community
Marie Red Cloud Residence
Calico/Advent Church
Slim Buttes Community — Bernice Brown Eyes Residence
Wolf Creek/Blue Community Building

PASS CREEK DISTRICT
Allen Cap

If you have any questions you can call the Tribal Election Office at 605-455-6157.

No change expected in voting districts

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Legislative voting districts that a federal judge declared illegal likely will not be changed before next week's general election in South Dakota.

U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier ruled on behalf of four Lakota voters, Alfred Bone Shirt, Belva Black Lance, Germaine Moves Camp and Bonnie High Bull, that the Legislature violated the federal Voting Rights Act by packing Indian voters into a single legislative district on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations in 2001.

That diluted the votes of Indians, Schreier said. Instead of constituting an overwhelming majority in District 27, they should have been apportioned as smaller majorities in at least Districts 27 and 26, which would have given them the opportunity to elect more legislators of their choosing.

Schreier gave the state 45 days to file a plan fixing the boundaries of the voting districts. That timetable expires at the end of October.

Then the plaintiffs will have 30 days to review the state's proposal, and after that, the state has 10 days to respond to the plaintiffs.

The decision pushes the dispute past the Nov. 2 election, and although it's legal, it also is curious, according to an election scholar.

"As a general rule, it is possible for courts to issue orders that say, 'This is unconstitutional, but we stay the decision.' Technically, if there is no judicial order barring the state from using these (voting districts), it is still an ongoing proceeding," said Ed Foley, director of the Election Law Program at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

"Having said all that, I don't know why she didn't structure a timetable that resolves all this

before the election," he said.

Schreier declined to comment on her decision. Legislative leaders were to meet Monday, Oct. 25, to consider appealing the ruling.

Immediately after Schreier's decision, Democratic Senate leader Garry Moore of Yankton and Republican Senate leader Eric Bogue of Faith had said the state could appeal, delaying implementation and permitting the 2004 election to proceed with the 2001 voting districts.

Foley agreed such a tactic would give cover to a 2004 election that uses the districts drawn up in 2001 -- at least while the appeal is being heard.

However, South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long said his office is complying with Schreier's ruling.

"The process we are in now is developing a mechanism to determine the correct boundaries: Who is going to do that, how and when it is going to get done. ... We are proceeding as the judge has directed us.

"We will meet the deadline," he said.

Only if the state's plan is immediately acceptable to plaintiffs and the court, however, will the 2004 election correspond with Schreier's ruling that the 2001 voting districts were improperly drawn.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Voting Rights Act Project represented the four plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Jennifer Ring, director of the ACLU of the Dakotas, was noncommittal about the prospect of resolving the voting district issue before next week's election.

"We'll see what they come up with," she said.

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Webber conquers wind and water for State A win

Pine Ridge wins combined championship, Little Wound's Lupi medals



By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

HURON — The wind blew strong out of the north and west, heavy overnight rains turned low spots into puddles and lakes, the field was 124 runners strong and Pine Ridge's sophomore runner, Robin Webber, was not to be denied this year.

Webber paced herself in the first quarter of the race then finished strong to win Saturday's State A Cross Country Championship at the Broadland Creek Golf Course in Huron.

"Last year I got careless after cruising in the lead for most of the race," said Webber as she remembered how a Dakota Valley runner had slipped around her just before the finish line and beat her by two seconds; "this year I was not going to let that happen, I was determined to finish strong," Webber added.

Webber finished the 4000 meter course in 16:39, 13 seconds in front of the Region 4A champ, Caitlin Frieze of Mobridge, a freshman who was 15th last year. Last year's winner Sierra McCauley did not qualify but there was no shortage of competition. Danielle Nickolas of Aberdeen Roncalli finished third (7th last year) and Cheyenne Eagle Butte seventh grader, Jordan Wohlleber claimed fourth in 17:10.

Competition was stiff in the team standings as Groton put four runners in the top 25 and won Class A with 69 points. Todd County was fourth and Pine Ridge finished in seventh. Todd County's three freshman and an eighth grader will be back as a contender next year. Julie Bernie was 18th, Britney Larvie was 26th and just short of a medal, Kylie Wilson (8th grade) was 39 and Emmy Her Many Horse was 40th.

Pine Ridge's Christian Janis, a 7th grader and their youngest runner was 29th. Christy Webber was 74th and Megan LaDeaux was 84th. Sophia Janis, an 8th grader was 92nd and freshman Aimee Pond was 113.

"I didn't realize cross country was a contact sport," said Shawntay Lupi, a senior at Little Wound High School as she took care of a bad scrape and bruise on her shoulder, the result of being run into a tree by another runner when several runners came around a bend on the course.

Lupi transferred from Rapid City Stevens for her senior year at Little Wound and earned all state honors by finishing 23rd in 17:54. The top 25 finishers receive a medal and all state honors.

Other area finishers included: Jordan Cook/CEB 15th, Lisa Two Charge/TC 46th, CaSarah Pine/Red Cloud

Robin Webber, a sophomore at Pine Ridge High School wins State A Cross Country. Alex Wilson-Pine takes third in boys. (Photo courtesy of Dick Carlson of Inertia)

Wanbli Wiconi Tipi

Rosebud prepares to open wellness and renewal center for youth

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

ROSEBUD — Adjudicated youth from the Rosebud Indian Reservation incarcerated in federal facilities away from their families will soon be closer to home.

The new Wanbli Wiconi Tipi, Rosebud Wellness and Renewal Center, which was built on the location known as the Old Bristow Ranch is scheduled to open in February 2005.

Senior Supervisor for the new facility Pat Bad Hand Sr., said, "Numerous *Uncis* (grandmas) went to tribal council and asked 'Can you help me bring my *Takoja* (grandchild) back?'"

He said they were upset because many of their *Takojas* were placed in facilities away from home and they were unable to visit them.

According to Robert Begay, former employee of the Cornell Facility in Plankinton, a Site and Sound Separation Ordinance which does not allow adults and youth to be incarcerated in the same cells, was recently reinforced on all the reservations. He said the Lower Brule, Standing Rock, Crow Creek and Rosebud Reservations do not have juvenile facilities and have to send their youth elsewhere.



The new Wanbli Wiconi Tipi will open in February and covers 51,646 feet and is located west of Mission. (Photo by Ernestine Chasing Hawk)

Bad Hand said currently the Rosebud Sioux Tribe must contract with facilities in Eagle Butte and Rapid City, but that will change once Wanbli Wiconi Tipi opens in February.

Their Mission Statement is: "Wanbli Wiconi Tipi offers structured care for tribal youth violators and their families with special emphasis on the youth of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. This will be done through a safe and healthy environment for the youth and staff. Adjudicated youth will receive contemporary schooling and services as well as tribal disciplinary practices addressing all the aspects of the Lakota Culture, societal, kinship values and healthy families."

According to Bad Hand the facility was funded through the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. To help defray the cost of maintenance he said the facility may also contract with other tribes who currently do not have juvenile facilities.

The new facility is approximately 51,646 square feet and will consist of both secure and non-secure areas.

The secure area consists of a booking area and facilities, four classrooms, an arts and crafts room, counseling room, a multi-

BIA and Bennett County work to rebuild Allen road

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

ALLEN — People who use the nine mile stretch of road called the Allen Road can look forward to better driving soon because of a Memorandum of Agreement is to be signed between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bennett County Commissioners and the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Local residents said the road has been in serious disrepair for years. But thanks to Senator Daschle and the Bureau of Indian Affairs the nine mile stretch of road will be completed by 2007.

According to Jeff Waylon, Director of Transportation for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, "The MOA that we just made lately did not involve the tribe, but it was an agreement between the BIA, the State and Bennett County."

He said the MOA transfers \$2 million from the state discretionary funds to BIA and transfers jurisdiction of the road to the BIA. He said the tribe can exercise their right to 638 contract the construction phase of the project.

Waylon recently met with the Bennett County commissioners to finalize the MOA which stipulates that BIA will contribute \$2.5 million dollars to complete the project.

He said that BIA would assume maintenance responsibilities once the road is transferred to their jurisdiction.

Once the MOA is signed Waylon said the phases of construction would begin which include the pre-plan stage, the negotiation phase, the planning phase and finally the construction phase. He said the project should take three years from start to finish.

"We are just now in the pre-plan stage, but we are going to make an attempt to get the project started sooner. They want us to kick it in the butt," Waylon said.

Although the final draft of the MOA has not been signed he said the Bennett County Commissioners have 30 days to review it before it is finalized.

Waylon said they became aware of funding that might be available to pave the Allen Road when Senator Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) came to Bennett County. He knew of some discretionary funds that would have been returned to the federal government if they were not used.

The amount of the discretionary funds were \$2 million dollars, but were not enough to complete the project.

"Throughout this whole process Jed Bettelyoun a

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Wanbli Wiconi Tipi:

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purpose room and medical examination rooms. There is several outdoor recreation yards that are fenced that will include two sweat lodges. There is a visitation area that is accessible by the youth detained in the facility and by visitors from the non-secured area of the facility.

The non-secure area is for alternative sentencing as well as for youth who are transitioning to release. This area includes; the facility lobby, general offices, four classrooms, an arts and crafts room, a multi-purpose room, a cultural library, dining room and the facility kitchen and maintenance area. Both areas will share

a gymnasium with a full basketball court and a spiritual space.

The goals of the facility are to provide a facility that is sensitive to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe culture and is operated by Native Americans qualified in detention and rehabilitation services. To provide services that help youth and their families in the rehabilitation services.

To provide a setting that promotes rehabilitation. To provide a facility that meets standards for accreditation on the state and federal levels.

To provide for local retention so that tribal members do not travel a great distance to visit detained youth.

South to be on alert for flu vaccine gouging

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans should be on the lookout for possible price-gouging by either providers or distributors of flu vaccine, according to Attorney General Larry Long. In a release, Long stressed that there have been no price-gouging complaints in South Dakota yet.

Flu vaccine is in short supply this season nationwide.

“Other states are reporting such practices,” Long said.

“With the flu season upon us and the nationwide shortage, the opportunity to defraud is present.”

Long said he has heard of a case in Kansas involving a 10-fold price increase in flu vaccine.

He said that people who think they’ve encountered flu vaccine price-gouging should contact his office’s Consumer Protection Division.

Allen road repair looks promising:



The Allen road will cost more than \$700,000 per mile to be rebuilt. (Photo by Anna Bee)

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Bennett County commissioner told me they had this money over there but they couldn’t do the project without enough money,” Waylon said.

He said Craig Dillon, Lacreek tribal councilman, met with commissioners and did a resolution that the BIA would put up the \$2.5 million, but that they would have to give up jurisdiction.

Waylon said the next obstacle was a question of right of way. He said South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long argued that before they could get right of way they had to offer previous owners a chance to repurchase their land back.

According to OST Attorney Peter Capposela, the attorney generals’ opinion was wrong and off base. The state reviewed it, then retracted the attorney generals statement.

Waylon said a couple of statements need to be omitted from the MOA before it can officially be signed by BIA, the Bennett County Commissioners and the South Dakota Department of Transportation. After the MOA is signed the first phase to better driving for those who use the Allen Road will begin.

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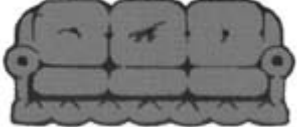
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Arlan Bissonette

WANBLEE — Arlan Bissonette, 20, Wanblee, died Friday, Oct. 15, at Martin Hospital. Survivors include his mother, Arlette Has No Horse, Wanblee; his adopted mother, Meredith Blue Legs, Wanblee; two brothers, Byron Bissonette, Denver, and Calvin Bissonette, Wanblee; two half-brothers, Jeremy Amiotte and Stacy Blue Legs, both of Wanblee; two adopted brothers, Christin Blue Legs and Dominic Blue Legs, both of Wanblee; and three sisters, Nakina Yellow Hair, Allen, and Dawn High Horse and Victoria Blue Legs, both of Wanblee.

Wake services were held, Oct. 20, at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee and on Thursday, Oct. 21, at American Horse School in Allen.

Services were Friday, Oct. 22, at American Horse School, with the Rev. Daniel Makes Good officiating, and traditional Lakota services by John Around Him.

Burial was at Trinity Episcopal Cemetery, Yellow Bear Canyon, Allen.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Ernest Dillon Anderson Thunder Hawk

FORT YATES, N.D. — Ernest Dillon Anderson Thunder Hawk, infant son of Jerico Anderson and Brian Thunder Hawk, Fort Yates, was born and died Friday, Oct. 22, at Medical Center One in Bismarck.

Services were Tuesday, Oct. 26, at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Dupree, with the Rev. Jeffry Barnes officiating.

Burial was at Dupree Cemetery in Dupree.

Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge, S.D., was in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Livermont

PIERRE — Evelyn Livermont, 80, Pierre and formerly of Rapid City and Wanblee, died Saturday, Oct. 16, at Maryhouse in Pierre. Survivors include five sons, Alfred Livermont, Wanblee, Ronald Livermont, Nome, Alaska, Galen Livermont, Interior, Glen Livermont, Pipestone, Minn., and Blaine Livermont, Pierre; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Her husband,

A. Francis Livermont, preceded her in death.

Private family services were held Tuesday, Oct. 19, at St. Mark's Cemetery in Rockyford. Rush Funeral Chapel of Philip was in charge of arrangements.

Charlene High Hawk-Garcia

PORCUPINE — Charlene High Hawk-Garcia, 43, Porcupine, died Saturday, Oct. 16, at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Survivors include one son, Dabual Torres, Dallas; one daughter, Jennifer Torres, Dallas; one brother, Marvin Iron Boy Jr., Porcupine; and three sisters, Vestana Iron Boy and Verine Iron Boy, both of Porcupine, and Althea DeClay, White River, Ariz.

Wake services were Oct. 22, at Porcupine CAP Office.

Services were Oct. 23 at Porcupine CAP Office, with the Rev. Joe Brown Thunder officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. Dave Swallow Jr.

Burial was at St. Luke's Episcopal Cemetery in Sharps Corner.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Freda M. Apple

KYLE — Freda M. Apple, 77, Kyle, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Martin Hospital. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Francis Apple, Kyle; four sons, Robert Two Crow, Wakpamni Lake, Roger Two Crow, Sturgis, and

Francis White Lance and Roland Apple, both of Kyle; one daughter, Nevis Apple, Kyle; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A wake services was held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the White Lance residence in rural Kyle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the White Lance residence, with the Rev. Ray Takes War Bonnett officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. Leonard Crow Dog. Burial will be at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Peter Helper Sr.

OGLALA - Peter Helper Sr., 94, Oglala, died Monday, Oct. 18, at Bennett County Nursing Home. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include one son, William Helper, Oglala; four daughters, Corrine Janis, Geraldine Helper and Helen Helper, all of Pine Ridge, and Darlene Helper, Oglala; 19 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Wake services were Thursday, Oct. 21, at Loneman School in Oglala.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 23, at the school, with the Rev. Asa Wilson officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. Richard Broken Nose.

Burial was at Makasan Presbyterian Cemetery in Oglala.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte Chipps

WANBLEE — Charlotte Chipps, 22, Margaret Chipps, 28, and Margaret's daughter Johanna Waters, 6 months, all of Wanblee, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, in an automobile accident near Hisle. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Cecelia Mesteth

MANDERSON — Cecelia Mesteth, 76, Manderson, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.



The Pine Ridge Episcopal cemetery damage is more than just petty vandalism. (Photos by Anna Bee)

Reward offered: cemetery vandalism shows lack of respect

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — The Episcopal Church is offering a monetary award to help catch those involved in cemetery vandalism.

Dorothy Yankton viewing the cemetery, shook her head and said, "You know, she said, "this is where my family is. They took the plastic flowers and tossed them around, they tore down my little fence, and once they took the Christmas tree that I put on one grave and destroyed it. They tore up my cedar trees... I just don't understand."

Rev. Ben Tyon said, "We hired a groundskeeper last April, his name is Myron Shaw. He had things looking real nice." Rev. Tyon is of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Pine Ridge.

"He mowed, picked up refuse, even put a dumpster up here for trash. Everything was in order. He reset grave-stones, located lost markers, and did everything he could to make the place look beautiful. It was the best it has looked in years. The whole place looked beautiful and clean. Now look. All this happened in the last week," Rev. Tyon said.

Guy Janis looked around and said, "Gladys Ecoffey's family is up here - and she has a lot of family here too. Look, her flowers are scattered everywhere. She will take it hard."

While visiting the cemetery, Janis found a tribal identification of a young woman. The ID was found near an empty beer can next to a destroyed gravesite. "This was just found," Janis said, "Do you think we have something here? The ID will be handed over to the police for further investigation."

According to the tribal



prosecutor's office, there are several types of charges that could be initiated against the perpetrators: "Under the old code, they could be charged with malicious mischief, which has a penalty of 6 months in jail or a \$360 fine or both, or under the new code, criminal mischief, which has a \$300 fine and/or imprisonment for no more than three months or both."

Also, said the spokesperson for the tribal prosecutor's office, "depending on the amount of damage, this could be referred over to the federal level, where penalties and federal imprisonment are real possibilities. "There are other possibilities" she mentioned, "depending on the investigation, if it was alcohol related, there could be an alcohol evaluation, an order to treatment, restitution, or if it is a mental health issue, a mental health evaluation and an order for treatment. Anyway you look at it," she commented, "it is so very sad and disrespectful for these families that this has happened."


"I don't know why the young people that do this don't have a conscience. What are their parents and grandparents teaching them? Where is the respect for themselves and their family? I don't know if they can ever be reached, I don't think they have a heart. I don't know what to think." reflected Guy Janis.

"They don't even believe in *cici's* (unknown being) anymore said Rev. Tyon. Somebody even knocked down our metal gate a few years ago; we just gave up and took it down. They have stolen our fence posts from the fence that surrounds the cemetery. Look at the broken headstones.

Some Indian guides rest here. Little Big Man is over there," he pointed to a headstone, "See, it says Indian Scout 1887, and Three Bears, March 1881, and Bear Killer, Private Indian Scouts, died May 16, 1913. These folks rest in our care. I wish we could protect them better."


A reward of \$300 is being offered by the Holy Cross Episcopal Church for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

If you have any information call Rev. Ben Tyon: 605-867-1477.




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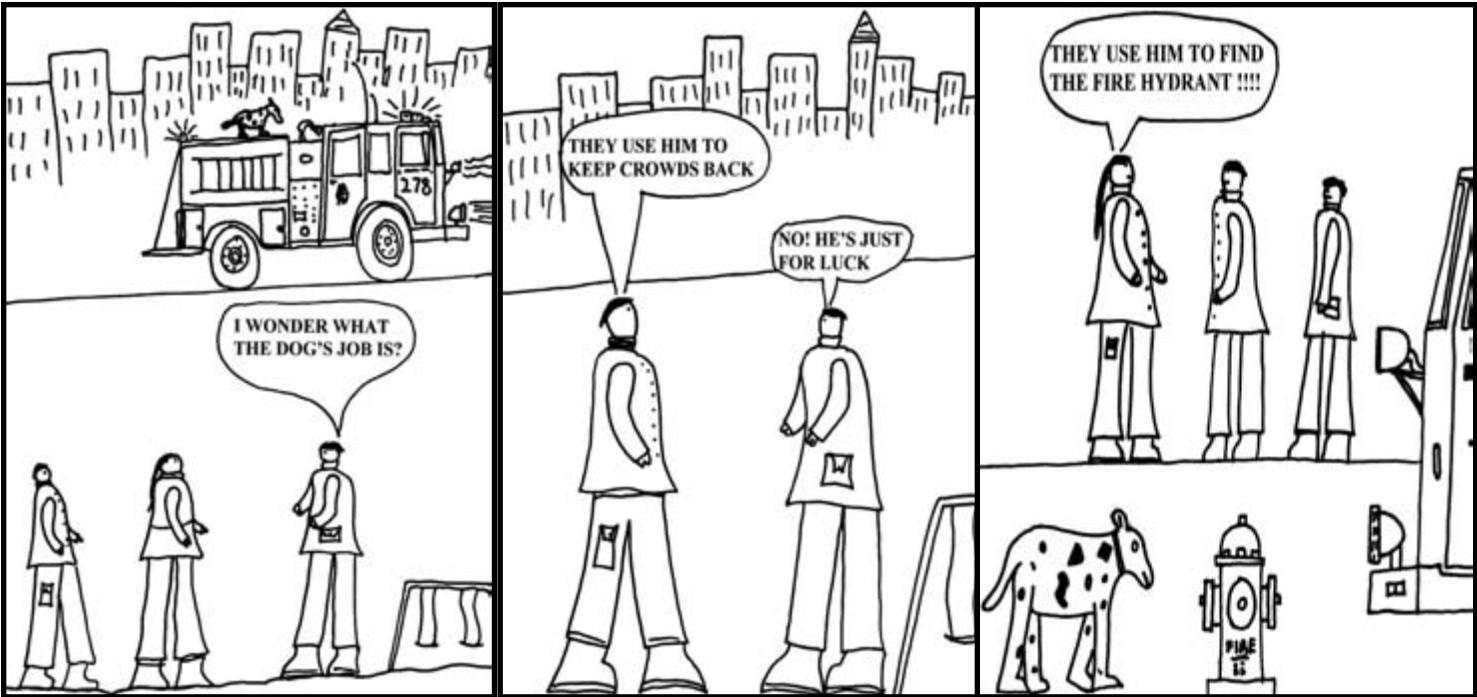
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Absentee voter turnout lauded on reservation

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — About 800 people already have cast absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 general election at satellite voting stations on the Pine Ridge reservation, election officials say.

Turnout has been "great" at the satellite offices in Kyle and Pine Ridge, said Sue Ganje, deputy auditor for Fall River County.

"Especially with the tribal election on the same day down there, I think a lot of them are taking advantage of this opportunity to vote early," Ganje said.

The Four Directions Committee, a voter-mobilization group, gave money to help establish the offices on the reservation. The committee also set up a satellite station on the Rosebud reservation.

Almost 2,200 people in Shannon County voted in the June 1 primary election. And already, more than 1,000 Shannon County residents have voted absentee for the general election. That includes about 800 in Kyle and Pine Ridge and more than 200 at the courthouse in Hot Springs, according to Ganje.

Shannon County, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, contracts with Fall River County for county services. Todd County, on the Rosebud reservation, does the

same with Tripp County.

US Marine Corps 229th to celebrate birthday ball Nov. 6

MARTIN — The U.S. Marine Corps will be hosting their 229th Birthday Ball on Nov. 6, at the American Legion Hall in Martin. Featured music is by the Twin Rivers Band. The cost is \$18 per person with a choice of prime rib or a white meat entrée. RSVP's are requested. Call Jan Harris 685-6363, Frank Marshall 685-6017 or Carl H. Lock 685-6543 room 122 to reserve your tickets and specify your choice of meals.



Tex Mex Lasagna

- 1 lb Hamburger-browned and drained
- 1 ¼ oz Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1-Cup Water
- 1 package Lasagna Noodles



- 2 ½ Cups Salsa
- 2 ½ Cups Water

- 2 cups sour cream
- ½ cup chopped black olives
- ¾ cup onions
- 1 tomato diced

1 ½ cup taco cheese finely grated

Grease a 9x 13 pan. Start with uncooked noodles, and place in bottom of pan, then a ½ the meat mixture, then noodles and then other ½ meat mixture. Pour salsa and water over gently.

Cover tightly with tin foil and bake for 1 ½ hours @ 350 degrees.

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Take out baked mixture and layer on in order given. Put back in oven until cheese is melted. Serve.

Easy Beef Stroganoff Casserole

- 1 # Hamburger
- 1 clove Garlic
- ½ cup onion- chopped
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1-package noodles
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 cups sour cream

Cook noodles according to directions. Set aside. Brown hamburger, garlic, onion, salt and pepper.

Add mushroom soup and simmer 5 minutes. Add cream of celery soup, simmer for 10 minutes.

Just before serving add the sour cream to the meat mixture. Pour noodles into mixture and stir. Serve. Makes 6

Meat Loaf

- 2 lbs. Hamburger
- 2 eggs
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup catsup
- 1 cup bread cubed into small cubes or grated
- 1-cup milk

Mix catsup, breadcrumbs and milk and set aside soaking for 5 minutes. Mix hamburger, eggs, onion chopped, salt and pepper. Blend the mixtures and bake 45 minutes 350 degrees.

Dad's Favorite Casserole

- 1 lb Hamburger- browned and drained
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 cans tomato soup
- 1 soup can water
- 1 cans green beans
- 5 potatoes
- 1 egg- beaten
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup grated cheese

Brown hamburger and onion in large skillet. Drain. Mix soup, water and beans. Add to meat.

Boil and mash 5 potatoes. Add the egg to mashed potatoes.

Put meat mixture in greased casserole dish, heap mounds of mashed potatoes on top. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and cheese.



Bake uncovered for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

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State A Win

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48th, Mikayla Mitzel/LW 62nd, Jenna Lucas/TC 95th, Erica High Bear/CEB 99th, Marisa Landreaux/CEB 108th and April Bachman/CEB 116th.

Pine Ridge boys finish fourth, Wilson-Pine is third

Alex Wilson-Pine, Pine Ridge's top runner all year, was neck and neck with Gene Morrison of Chamberlain and Tyrone White of Cheyenne Eagle Butte for the first two thirds of the State A 5000 meter race on Saturday when the wind and water got the best of him. A winner of 12 individual titles this year, Wilson-Pine struggled over the last segment of the water-logged course and ended up in third 16:52. Morrison, a sophomore who transferred from Standing Rock, was first in 16:27, followed by Zack Frohling of Britton-Hecla in 16:38 while White finished up in 6th in 16:56. Patrick Grass, Pine Ridge's three time state champ ended up in 12th.

Pine Ridge boys claimed fourth place and with the girls 7th place finish won the Class A combined championship. Pine Ridge finishers included Tyrone Good Buffalo in 60th, Farron Swift Bird in 68th, Cletus Red Elk in 73rd and Apollo White Calf in 82nd. Carl White Eagle was CEB's second runner in grabbing 39th, Tyson White was 69th, while Matt Uses Knife, Cordray White Dog and Duane Dupris were 118, 119 and 120. Keldon James of Flandreau was 34th, James Pine, a Red Cloud 7th grader was 62nd while Crow Creek's Calvin Bagola and Ian Blaine were 97 and 127.

In the State B boys, Crazy Horse runners Carlin Red Blanket and Duane Thunder Shield finished 76th and 90th.

Lower Brule gets homecoming win, Pine Ridge and Todd County make playoffs

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

Eagle Butte — "It was iron man football, we had just 15 players for the trip to Eagle Butte with four freshman on the sidelines," said Arlin Whirlwind Horse, a Little Wound teacher, parent and fan; "they hung in there all night long enduring the wet and rainy conditions and hung on for the win - 11 horses that's all you need."

The Mustangs knocked off Cheyenne Eagle Butte 18-12 in three overtimes Friday night in Eagle Butte to finish the regular season with a 3-5 record. Johnny Cloud hit Bud Red Blanket with a 20 yard pass for a touchdown in the third over-time for the winning points. Little Wound's defense held the Braves on four downs for the win.

Cheyenne Eagle Butte scored first in a game dominated by the wet and rainy weather. Colton Dolphus, senior quarterback, hit Cameron Schremp on a 20 yard pass play for the first score of the game in the second quarter. Neither team could put together a scoring during the rest of the first half and CEB owned a 6-0 first half lead.

Little Wound took advantage of the Eagle Butte punter going down to his knee on an attempted punt and the Mustangs had first and ten on the CEB 20 yard line early in the third quarter. Loudon Whirlwind Horse scored for Little Wound on a 20



Little Wound Mustangs Football Seniors: Back row: Mason Little Whiteman, Loudon Whirlwind Horse, Jeren McBride, Nick Bissonette, Elijah Whirlwind Horse. Front row: Coaches Wes Janis, Darrell Hunter and Howard Hunter Jr.

yard run up the middle to tie the score at 6-6. Time ran out on regulation with the score still tied at six all.

Little Wound's Johnny Cloud jammed it over from the three yard line in the first over-time. Eagle Butte's senior wide receiver, Mervin Marrow Bone grabbed a 20 yard TD pass from Colton Dolphus to tie the score at 12 all in the first overtime. Neither team scored in the second overtime.

Bud Red Blanket, a 5'8"

sophomore, stepped up with the game winning touchdown on a 20 yard pass from fellow sophomore quarterback, Johnny Cloud. Little Wound finished up the season with a 3-5 season beating St. Francis and Pine Ridge in addition to CEB and came up just short for a playoff berth.

Whitney's two TD catches lead Lower Brule to Homecoming win

Lower Brule polishes off

an undefeated regular season with a 14-8 homecoming win over Dupree-Isabel. Michael Grey, Lower Brule's quarterback, hit Charles Whitney on a five yard pass play in the first quarter for the first score of the game. The two point conversion failed. Whitney grabbed his second touchdown pass on a 64 yard pass from Grey and Kyle Middletent ran it over for the two point conversion for a 14-0 Lower Brule lead. Dupree/Isabel scored late in the

fourth to make the final score 14-8

Kyle Middletent rushed for 158 yards on 16 carries while TJ McCauley caught four passes for 116 yards. Lower Brule got the number two seed in Region 4 9B and will host Faith on Tuesday in the first round of 9B playoffs.

Pine Ridge finishes first in the region hosts Winner Tuesday

Pine Ridge Thorpes broke open a 12-12 first half game to bury the St. Francis Warriors in the second half 48-18 Friday night in St. Francis. In a driving rain storm, Brandon Kills Small led the Thorpes with three touchdowns. Larry Lame recovered a fumble and ran it back 40 yards for a touchdown, Bobby Janis had two touchdown catches and Brandon Brown had one as Pine Ridge finished the regular season with a 5-3 record and the number one seed in Region 11A. Pine Ridge hosts number four seed Winner Tuesday night, Todd County hosts three seed Vermillion.

Area football scores:
Avon 76-0 Marty Indian
Todd County 50-0 Red Cloud
Stanley County 38-26 Bennett County
McLaughlin 32-6 Crow Creek

Wall upsets Bennett County to win tourney
Pine Ridge spikes Wolf Creek in Big Foot Conference A Volleyball Championship

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

MARTIN — Bennett County breezed through pool play in their invitational volleyball tournament Saturday, beat Todd County in the semis 25-21 25-

16 and came up short in the finals against Wall 25-19, 11-25, 25-22. Todd County beat Winner for third 25-23 25-18.

Pine Ridge closes out the season at St. Francis on Tuesday and Edgemont/Oelrichs on Thursday; Red Cloud is at

Edgemont/Oelrichs on Tuesday and Little Wound has the week off. Little Wound will host the District 14A volleyball tournament Tuesday, Nov. 2. Unofficial seedings gives Bennett County the number one seed and they will play number

four seed St. Francis while number two seed Pine Ridge will play number three Red Cloud. The winner advances to the Region 7A tourney. Bennett County is both the defending District 14A and Region 7A champ.

Pine Ridge dominates Big Foot Conference Tourney

The Junior Lady Thorpes swept the Big Foot A tourney by knocking off Wolf Creek 25-14 and 25-18. Pine Ridge's Lacy Weston was named the most valuable player, Ms. Hustle went to Loneman's Desiree Blacksmith. Loneman took third with a 25-29 25-20 win over Red Cloud and Our Lady of Lourdes grabbed the consolation championship over Little Wound 25-18 25-21.

All Tourney honors went to: Our Lady of Lourdes's Bobbi White and Marqui Lunderman, Loneman's Charlee Running Eagle and Rebecca Her Many Horses, Wolf Creek's Ty Brewer and Nikki Marks, Little Wound's Jacee Long Soldier and Anissa Around Him, Red Cloud's Aubree Running Hawk and Danielle Locust, Amber Broken Rope/American Horse, Ashley Mesteth/Porcupine and Pine Ridge's Sis Red Cloud, Dusti Michaud and Sauddia Tasso. Pine Ridge hosted the event last week and included Batesland, Rockyford, Crazy Horse and Wounded Knee District School in Manderson.

Black Hills St. 27
Si Tanka-Huron 6

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Black Hills State topped Si Tanka-Huron 27-6 Saturday, Oct. 23 for its fourth straight Dakota Athletic Conference football victory.

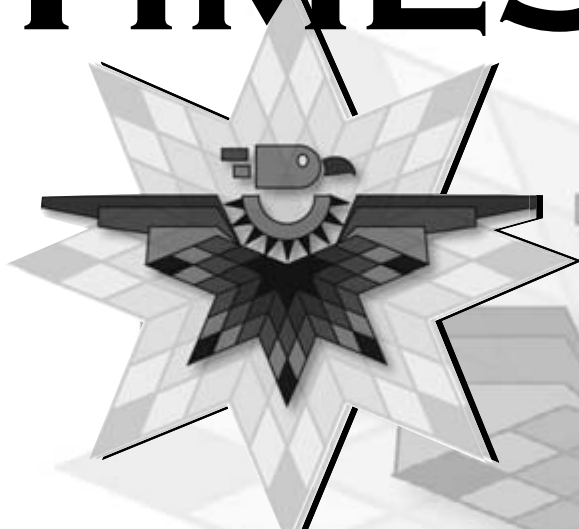
Yellow Jackets running back Tim Koob rushed for 125 yards on 32 carries, and quarterback William Gray was 11-of-22 for 144 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Si Tanka-Huron (3-5, 3-4 DAC-10) was handcuffed by turnovers.

The Screaming Eagles fumbled the ball five times, losing possession four times, while quarterback Keldrick Stokes threw three interceptions. Stokes was 16-of-41 for 121 yards but scored the Screaming Eagles' only touchdown on a 3-yard run in the second quarter.

Loose footballs also were a problem for Black Hills State (4-4 overall, 4-3), which lost three of four fumbles during the game.

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- MS Wrestling
- MS Softball
- MS Softball Assistant
- MS Student Council
- MS Rodeo Club Sponsor
- Elem Rodeo Club Sponsor
- Eighth Grade Sponsor
- Elementary Wrestling
- Elementary Wrestling Assistant
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- Elem. Handgame Sponsor

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04-206	Adult Probation Officer/Pre-sentence Investigator	OST Court	Pine Ridge, SD/Kyle, SD
04-207	Process Server	OST Court	Pine Ridge, SD/Kyle, SD
04-208	Court Services Coordinator	OST Court	Pine Ridge, SD/Kyle, SD
04-209	Field Technician	Natural Resources Regulatory Agency/Water Resources Dept.	Pine Ridge, SD
04-210	Compliance Officer	Natural Resources Regulatory Agency/Water Resources Dept.	Pine Ridge, SD
04-211	Water Distribution System Operator (7)	OST Dept. of Water Maintenance & Conservation	Pine Ridge, SD/Res. Wide
04-212	Community Health Representative (2)	Community Health Representative (CHRR)	Medicine Root District
04-213	Accounts Payable Technician	OST Early Childhood Component	Pine Ridge, SD
04-214	Office Manager	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-215	Truck Driver/Operator	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-216	Hook Truck Driver (2)	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-217	Mechani	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-218	Heavy Equipment Operator	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-219	Baler Technician (2)	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-220	Security Guard	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-221	Laborer	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-222	Truck Driver	OST Solid Waste Management	Pine Ridge, SD
04-223	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Allen, SD
04-224	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Batesland, SD
04-225	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Kyle, SD
04-226	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Wanblee, SD
04-227	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Potato Creek, SD
04-228	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Manderson, SD
04-229	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Porcupine, SD (Evergreen)
04-230	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Red Shirt Table Community
04-231	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Oglala, SD
04-232	Landfill Monitor	OST Solid Waste Management	Martin, SD

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03-036	Supervisor-Dispatch	OST Ambulance Service	Pine Ridge, SD
03-139	Woute Yuvinyeyuya (Preschool Cook)	OST Early Childhood Component	Allen, SD
04-028	Accounts Payable Technician (1)	OST Fiscal Accounting Office (FAO)	Pine Ridge, SD
04-039	CAP Maintenance Worker	OST Administration	LaCreek District
04-040	District Office Manager	OST Administration	Wounded Knee District
04-041	Administrative Assistant	OST Administration	Wounded Knee District
04-042	CAP Maintenance Worker	OST Administration	Pine Ridge, SD
04-079	Secretary	OST Early Childhood Component	Oglala, SD
04-081	Otakuye Wawokiya (Family Helper) (2)	OST Early Childhood Component	Oglala, SD
04-086	Woonspe Itancan (Infant/Toddler Teacher) (3)	OST Early Head Start	Oglala, SD
04-089	Woonspe Itancan (Infant/Toddler Teacher) (2)	OST Early Head Start	Wounded Knee, SD
04-090	Wakanyeya Wicaphi I (Preschool Bus Driver I)	OST Early Childhood Component	Oglala, SD
04-091	Wakanyeya Wicaphi II (Preschool Bus Driver II)	OST Early Childhood Component	Oglala, SD
04-100	Woute Yuvinyeyuya (Infant/Toddler Cook)	OST Early Head Start	Oglala, SD
04-102	Woute Yuvinyeyuya (Infant/Toddler Cook)	OST Early Head Start	Manderson, SD
04-116	OST Judiciary Committee Secretary	OST Administration	Pine Ridge, SD
04-130	District Data Clerk	OST Administration	Medicine Root District
04-137	Water Technician	OST Dept. of Water Maintenance & Conservation	Pine Ridge/Res. Wide
04-139	Data/Office Manager	OST Flowering Tree Project	Pine Ridge, SD
04-150	Woonspe Itancan II (Preschool Teacher II)	OST Early Childhood Component	Wanblee, SD
04-167	Woonspe Itancan II (Teacher Assistant II)	OST Early Childhood Component	Manderson, SD
04-169	Wakanyeya Wicaphi II (Preschool Bus Driver II)	OST Early Childhood Component	Wanblee, SD
04-180	Before & After School Mentor (1)	OST Child Care & Development	Pine Ridge, SD
04-181	Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Pine Ridge, SD
04-182	Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Kyle, SD
04-183	Provider Supervisor Learning Center	OST Child Care & Development	Allen, SD
04-189	Learning Center Aide Parent Liaison	OST Child Care & Development	Allen, SD
04-191	Learning Center Aide Parent Liaison	OST Child Care & Development	Porcupine, SD
04-194	Learning Center Aide/Cook	OST Child Care & Development	Kyle, SD
04-202	Learning Center Mentor (2)	OST Child Care & Development	Manderson, SD

How to apply:
Submit a complete OST application for employment to the OST Personnel Office no later than 4:30 p.m. of the closing date. Mail in applications postmarked on the closing date will be accepted. Attach all pertinent documentation, i.e., copy of High School diploma or GED certificate, copy of official college transcripts and/or college degree, certificate of Indian Blood if claiming Indian Preference and DD214 if claiming veteran's preference. Faxed in application(s) will not be accepted. (Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered)

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In the Matter of the Estate of:

David William Quigley,
Deceased,

TO: The Above-Named Parties

Please take notice that on the 7th day of October, 2004, the Honorable Judge Pat Donovan, presiding, the Court entered its final judgement of Notice of Hearing in the above entitled action. A certified copy of said judgement of Order, is enclosed and by this reference is incorporated herein and is herewith served upon you.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2004
(Signed) Michelle Hollow Horn Bear

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michelle Hollow Horn Bear, Clerk of Courts of Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Notice of Entry of Judgement upon the Dependent and Plaintiff respectively by placing said document in a securely sealed envelope with first class postage affixed thereto and depositing the same in the U.S. mail, addressed as follows:

Pat Meyers - P.O. Box 290, Rapid City, SD 57709
Francis D. Quigley - P.O. Box 504, St. Francis, SD 57572
Arlene Quigley - P.O. Box 3400, Goodyear, AZ 85338

Dated this 18th day of October, 2004
(Signed) Michelle Hollow Horn Bear

ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COURT

In Re: The Estate of David William Quigley
SSN# 504-62-2256

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administrator and Notice to Creditors

The State of South Dakota to Frances Dennis Quigley and Arlene Quigley, heirs of David William Quigley, deceased, and to all interested parties.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Appointment of Administrator has been filed with this Court for the issuance of Letters of Administration thereon to Frances Dennis Quigley; and that on November 22, 2004 at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Pat Donovan, in the Courthouse in Rosebud, Todd County, South Dakota, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing on said Petition, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

The names of the heirs of said deceased as shown by said Petition are as above stated. Said Petition, on file as aforesaid, is referred to for further particulars.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same with the Clerk of the above Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or be forever barred.

Dated at Rosebud, South Dakota, this 7th day of October, 2004.

ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COURT

In Re: The Estate of David William Quigley
SSN# 504-62-2256

Petition For Appointment of Administrator

I, Frances Dennis Quigley, hereby petition this Court to be appointed as the Administrator of the Estate of David William Quigley.

In support of my Petition, I hereby state as follows:

1. That I am the biological brother of the decedent, David William Quigley
2. That on 1st day of October, 2002, the decedent was killed in a car/Pedestrian motor vehicle accident which occurred on Highway 63 on the east edge of Parmalee, South Dakota, and within the confines of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation.
3. That at the time of his death on October 1, 2002, the decedent was an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. His enrollment number was U023962.
4. That no Last Will and Testament has been found and your Petitioner states that upon information and belief, David William Quigley died without a Will
5. That your Petitioner has conducted a due and diligent search for the Heirs of David William Quigley and to the best of his information and belief, the names and addresses of all potential heirs, legatees and devisees are:

Francis Dennis Quigley (brother)
P.O. Box 504
St. Francis, SD 57572

Arlene Quigley (sister)
P.O. Box 3400
Goodyear, AZ 85338

6. That Petitioner respectfully requests that a hearing be set upon his Petition to be appointed as the Administrator of the Estate of David William Quigley and that notice to Creditors of the decedent be given as required by this Court

Dated this 10th day of September, 2004
(Signed) Francis Dennis Quigley

On this the 10th day of September, 2004, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Francis Dennis Quigley, known to be or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same of the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal
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- 2 VOTE AT HOME.** You can vote by mail from home. To have an application delivered to your home, **call 1-866-213-5200.**
- 3 VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 2.** You can vote on Election Day, November 2 at your local polling place. If you need a ride to the polls on Election Day, **call toll-free at 1-866-213-5200.**



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OST unofficial results Fire Thunder, White Plume win in historical election

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — For the first time in history, the people of Oglala Lakota Nation have elected a Lakota *Winyan* to become their next President.

In what was one of the most watched elections in Indian Country, Cecelia Fire Thunder beat her opponent Indian Activist and Actor Russell Means by more than 600 votes.

The unofficial vote tally after the polls closed on Election Day 2004 were Fire Thunder 2725 and Means 2103. Official OST election result will be posted on Nov. 12.

Supporters of Fire Thunder gathered at the Kyle Senior Citizens Center to offer words of encouragement and congratulations for being selected as the first women to lead the Oglala Nation.

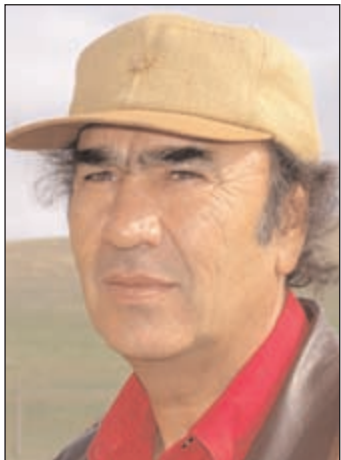
"Many congratulations to Cecelia for her many accom-



Cecelia Fire Thunder

plishments and for making history on this second day of November 2004. This day will never be forgotten. What an inspiration to all of us to not be afraid to stand up and speak the truth and to get out and make a difference for our people," said Vonnie Bush, one of Fire Thunders supporters said.

"I just think Cecelia deserves the great honor of being the first lady president of our tribe. She's



Alex White Plume

worked really hard to get where she's at today and I really respect that about her. We're going to support her all the way," Bev Tuttle from Porcupine said.

"In our culture, if there is ever a time that you're in trouble, when you need direction or you're hurting, you reach out to a person in your family who is usually female, a grandmother, a sister or an auntie for some

direction, for some words of encouragement. That's what this tribe needs, she adds that aspect, this tribe needs a woman touch," Silvia Hollowhorn said.

Fire Thunder thanked the people of Pine Ridge for trusting her, for having confidence in her and lending her their vote. She said she would take care of the voices and the power that the people have loaned her for the next two years.

The newly elected President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe told all those who had gathered, "I am looking forward to a really productive two years. I also want to say thank-you to all of the candidates that did not get in. There were so many good ideas and good thoughts. I hope we can continue this dialog whether you were elected or not. All of these thoughts and ideas put together can move our nation forward and ahead."

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Thune defeats Daschle Herseith to return to Washington



John Thune



Stephanie Herseith

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Republicans tightened their grip on the Senate early Wednesday, Nov.3., dealing defeat to Democratic Leader Tom Daschle in South Dakota and capturing a string of seats across the South.

Daschle fell to former Rep. John Thune, the first Senate party leader to lose a race for re-election in more than a half century.

With all but three of South Dakota's 827 precincts reporting early Wednesday morning, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle was trailing former Republican Congressman John Thune by about 5485 votes early morning..

Shannon and Todd County voters came out in record strength to vote. Shannon County voters pulled 2762 for Daschle and 393 for Thune. In Todd County, 2885 voted for Daschle and 776 for Thune.

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“Commod
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By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

ROSEBUD — Soon residents of the Rosebud Reservation will join the ranks of wireless phone junkies hunting for that particular spot on the rez where wireless service is available.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the Public Utilities Commission are currently working on an agreement with officials from Cellular One to provide wireless phone service to Rosebud Reservation residents which could be

available as soon as the end of the year.

According to Tom Reiman, Manager of the residential phone service for Western Wireless out of Sioux Falls, Rosebud residents will soon enjoy service similar to that provided on the Pine Ridge Reservation, the Yankton Sioux Reservation and the Spirit Lake Reservation in Devils Lake, N.D.

"We are in the process of putting up three cell sites on the Rosebud Reservation, one by White River, one north of Mission and also one by St. Francis to be completed possibly by the end of this year," Reiman said.

Residents of the Pine Ridge reservation have jokingly dubbed their Cellular One service as "Commod phones"

and "Treaty phones." Phone bills for customers run around \$10-\$15 a month when voice mail and caller I.D. are added.

Cellular One is able to provide wireless service with little cost to the customer because rural areas have Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) status which enables them to qualify for the Universal Service Fund Subsidy.

"A dollar of everyone's phone bills goes into the Universal Service Fund. Having ETC status it enables us to apply for those funds," he said.

Reiman explained that Rosebud and other rural areas also qualify for the Enhanced Lifeline Program which costs

Get out the “Indian Vote” Boosts reservation economics

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — The “Indian Vote.” Just how many dollars were spent by candidates during the 2004 elections in South Dakota trying to capture the power of the Indian vote?

Historically, Indians in South Dakota did not come out in large numbers to vote in state and federal elections. But that all changed during the 2002 election year, when the Indian vote from Shannon County was credited with helping Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) narrowly defeat Republican John Thune in the U. S. Senate race.

During the 2004 election

year, Thune, a former member of the U.S. House came back to challenge Senator Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) for his seat in the U.S. Senate.

Judged by the attention given to Indian Country, candidates from both parties acknowledged the power of the Indian vote and made public appearances on every reservation across the state, danced in Grand Entries at pow wows and sponsored dinners which fed thousands of pow wow participants.

Altogether, six different groups which include; the United Sioux Tribes Native Vote Project, Four Directions, Go Vote, the Daschle Campaign, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party organized

get out the vote efforts on all nine Indian reservations statewide.

Although it is difficult to determine just how many dollars were poured into Indian Country during the 2004 election year, it is a significant amount judged by the amount of canvassers who were out in record numbers.

On the Pine Ridge Reservation, five separate organizations were actively visible, four of which opened offices locally. The Daschle Campaign opened an office in Pine Ridge Village and one in Kyle. The Republican Party, for the first time in the history of South Dakota, also

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Clinton, Kennedy were among big names to ride KILI airwaves



Tim Johnson



Hillary Clinton



Bill Clinton



Tom Daschle



Bill Richardson



Dick Gephardt

PORCUPINE — The “Indian Vote” in South Dakota was so crucial to Senator Tom Daschle's re-election bid that it attracted some of the most influential politicians in the country.

"The excitement is in the air," said Tom Casey, Director of KILI radio who spent Election Day 2004 hosting live interviews with former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), Gov. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Casey also interviewed Sen. Tim Johnson (D-

S.D.), Sen.r Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), Rep. Stephanie Herseith (D-S.D.) as well as her challenger Republican John Thune. Guests from around Indian Country included Frank LaMere, Winnebago and Norman Sarabia, Tlingit from Alaska.

"A lot of people from around the country who are supporting Tom Daschle called him and asked what they could do to help with his re-election campaign. He told them to call KILI radio and encourage people to get out and vote," Casey

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MOBRIDGE — Three brothers were killed in a two-vehicle collision Sunday night of Oct. 31, on U.S. Highway 12 west of Mobridge.

Dead at the scene were Dean Soft, 36, McLaughlin, and Theodore Duane Soft, 38, and Dennis Soft, 36, both of Mobridge.

The three were riding in a car that was westbound on Highway 12 about two miles west of Mobridge near the intersection with S.D. Highway 1806 when it slid sideways and crashed broadside into an eastbound vehicle driven by Jan Michael Fasching of Mandan, N.D., according to a Bureau of

Indian Affairs officer. The accident occurred about 8 p.m.

Fasching was transported to a Mobridge hospital and then transported to St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

It was unclear which of the Soft brothers was driving their vehicle, according to Martin Hansford, assistant special agent in charge in the BIA law enforcement office in Aberdeen.

Speed and weather conditions were contributing factors in the accident, Hansford said. The accident report indicated a light drizzle was falling at the time of the accident. The accident remains under investigation, he said.

Indian Vote:

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opened an office in Pine Ridge Village. Four Directions rented an office at the Sue Ann Big Crow Boys and Girls Club.

Brian Drapeaux, Director of the UST Native Vote Project said his organization had a total of 305 employees in 61 separate precincts. Employees were paid \$10 an hour and compensated for mileage.

Drapeaux explained that the main focus of his project was to educate Indian voters. He said apathy and lack of understanding how voting connects with peoples lives prevented Indians from voting. He said the Native Vote Project educated voters on what they could lose by not voting, such as funding for healthcare and jobs.

“We are building on the synergy from 2002. We aren’t just a special interest group. We are the third largest voting block with 42,000 Indian voters. That makes our numbers very significant,” he said.

Daschle’s campaign opened offices on all nine Indian reservations in South Dakota and provided as many as 400 jobs at \$10 an hour. Employees were also paid an additional \$10 for each person they registered

to vote.

Four Directions paid stipends to more than 25 community coordinators and drivers who helped voters get to the polls. Four Directions operated the efforts on Standing Rock, Yankton, Rosebud and Pine Ridge. Drivers were paid \$10 for each voter they transport. More than \$50,000 by Four Directions was spent on the Pine Ridge reservation to get out the vote.

The Go Vote project pumped \$10,000 into the Cheyenne River Reservation get out the vote effort.

So, whether it was done strategically or not, the fact is, the 2004 campaign efforts pumped thousands of extra dollars into strapped reservations economies, no matter who wins the elections.

Now the next step is to learn how to effectively utilize this new powerful leveraging tool that could bring Indians many of Treaty obligations that were made more than 100 years ago.

Indians living in the state have historically been ignored and outright prevented from casting their votes in state and federal elections, but they weren’t ignored this 2004 election year.

OST election results:

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President
Russell Means 2103
Cecelia Fire Thunder 2725

Vice-President
Eileen Janis 1986
Alex White Plume 2853

Eagle Nest District
Ruth Brown 206
Annette Stands 82
Jim Meeks 162
Thomas Poor Bear 248

Challenge votes 50

Lacreek District
Gerald “Jed” Bettelyoun 128
Mary “Moose” Poor Thunder 180

Challenge votes 31

Medicine Root District
Austin Watkins Sr. 362
Juanita Scherich 335
Charles White Elk 292
Sandra E. Old Horse 271

Challenge votes 104

Pass Creek District
Lydia Bear Killer 185
Donna Salomon 164

Challenge votes 49

Pine Ridge District
Will Peters 490
Lyle Jack 415
Carol Crazy Thunder-O'Rourke 350
Ella “John” Carlow 500

Gerald “Jump” Big Crow 355
Garry Janis 255

Challenge votes 49

Porcupine District
David Pourier 237
Philip Good Crow 305
Bernard White Face 266
Chuck Jacobs 208

Challenge votes 53

Wakpamni District
Herbert Colhoff 302
Maxine J. Lakota 308
Walt Big Crow 322
Tom Conroy 301

Challenge votes 43

White Clay District
Floyd Brings Plenty 250
Paul Little 270
Valerie Kills Small-Janis 210
Delores Ten Fingers-Two Bulls 246

Challenge votes 68

Wounded Knee District
Garfield Steele 288
Kevin Yellow Bird-Steele 238
Kathy Janis 321
Garfield Apple 222

Challenge votes 58

Oglala Sioux Lakota Nation Housing Board of Directors Unofficial Results

Eagle Nest District
Hanna Amiotte 51
Eleanor Charging Crow 70
Leroy Wilcox Sr. 63
Germaine Bad Wound 24
Earline Shiroma 49
Jerome High Horse 28
Dora Brown-Lamont 20
Challenge votes 24

Medicine Root District
Juanita Scherich 135
Angela Sam-Cross 66
Sandra Old Horse 147
Cora Spotted Horse 113
Challenge votes 42

Porcupine District
Erwin Weston 35
Lorraine “Lori” 34
Yellow Boy 34
Virgil “Chug” Bush Sr. 57
Violette J. Bear Runner 36
Rachel L. Bissonette 47
Rhonda Two Eagle 81
Richard Iron Cloud 99
Dominic Running Hawk 57
Challenge votes 45

Wakpamni District
Courtney J. Two Lance 112
Connie Weasel Bear 123
Sandra Two Lance 158
Richard Broken Nose 105
Elizabeth Rowland 128

Whiteclay District
Lovey Cecelia Two Bulls 83
Valerie Kills Small-Janis 133
Frank Two Bulls Sr. 52
Daniel Hudseph Sr. 74
Edward Starr 92

Little Wound School School Board Unofficial Results

Carrie L.Romero 162
Linda May 643
Betty “Anne” Hunter 498
Cora Spotted Eagle 432
Collins “C.J.” Clifford 293
Earlene Rooks 384
Angela Sam-Cross 245
S. Ramona White Plume 262
Archie Hopkins 537
Challenge votes 141

Oglala Lakota College Board of Trustees Unofficial Results

Pejuta Haka College Center
Juanita Scherich 129
Connie Whirlwind Horse 60
Mona “Sis” Patton 299
Challenge Ballots 56

Pahin Sinte College Center
Richard Iron Cloud 226
Ed Iron Cloud 173
Challenge Ballots 50

East Wakpamni College
Charles “Chuck” Conroy 287
Bennett “Tuffy” Sierra 302
Challenge Ballots 60

KILI Radio: big names urge vote on reservations

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said.

Also interviewed was Tim Giago, former editor/publisher of the Lakota Times, Indian Country Today and Lakota Journal.

“The night before the Sioux Summits, I had dinner with Charley Colombe and he asked what we could do on Election Day to get Indians out to vote. I told him there is only one thing live in Indian Country and that’s the three Indian radio stations KILI, KINI and KLND,” Giago said.

“I told Tom Daschle, ‘You have to get some of the people who support you to call KILI, KINI and KLND radio station on Election Day and tell them to urge people to get out and vote,’” he added.

President Bill Clinton, who also called KILI radio during the 2002 election and made a personal visit to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1999 told listeners, “I believe this is an important election and I think in some ways the South Dakota Senate race is the most important one in the country to me because I admire Senator Daschle because he has done so much for Indian Country.”

Clinton said the current president would come back after the election and under fund No Child Left Behind by almost \$10 billion which would leave millions of kids underfunded for school. He said Bush wants to cut Indian hospital construction by almost half, BIA school construction by almost 20 percent, funding for tribal colleges by 11 percent, funding for tribal cops by 20 percent, funding for tribal courts by 26 percent, the Indian Housing Loan Guaranteed Program by 80 percent plus eliminate \$52 million from BIA tribal law enforcement

tribal roads and Indian Child Welfare programs.

“We have a chance to win the Senate now, we have a chance to win the White House now and if Tom Daschle could be the Majority leader a phenomenal number of things would change in Indian Country. If the people of South Dakota defeat him, I don’t know who the Native Americans will have for a fierce advocate,” Clinton said.

Clinton also promised listeners that after he dedicates his library and takes care of other personal business; he will make time to return to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson also called KILI radio to give support to Daschle and encourage Indians to get out and vote and said, “Something good is happening all over America with the record breaking turnout of Native American and African Americans, Latino Americans and Women.”

Jackson said that while Democrats focus on registering voters, Republicans focus on nullifying voters.

Casey also interviewed Senator Ted Kennedy who called issues such as funding for Indian Health Care a moral issue not just a legislative issue, “It defines who we are as a people and reflects our true value.”

Kennedy said that Daschle is important to Native Americans because, “This is the one leader in Washington that puts the interest of Native American at the top of his priority.”

The power Indian vote has never received as much attention as it has in this election year and Casey said it is gaining momentum and will make lasting change for Indian people.

Thune win:

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The outstanding votes included several thousand from Democratic stronghold Shannon County, but possibilities dimmed that the reservation residents could pull Daschle from defeat as they did Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson in 2002.

Republicans were assured of 53 seats in the Senate that convenes in January, two more than they control in the current Congress.

Races in Alaska and Florida remained unsettled. Republicans led in both.

The Daschle-Thune race was the marquee event of the season, a battle that cost more than \$26 million and played out for more than a year.

With votes counted in 99 percent of the precincts in South Dakota, Thune led Daschle by in their sparsely settled state. It was the first time since 1952, when Barry Goldwater defeated Democratic Sen. Ernest McFarland in Arizona, that a party leader in the Senate has failed to win a new term.

Democratic Rep. Stephanie Herseth will return to Washington, D.C. after defeating Republican Larry Diedrich in Tuesday’s race for South Dakota’s seat in the U.S. House.

This was Herseth’s second defeat of Diedrich this year. The two faced each other in a special election in June, which Herseth won by 3,005 votes.

AIM case hearing set for December

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — An American Indian Movement activist charged with murder in South Dakota almost 30 years ago may learn more next month about the strength of the U.S. case against him.

John Graham is charged with first-degree murder in the 1975 killing of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, a fellow AIM member, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Another man, Arlo Looking Cloud, was convicted in February and was sentenced to life in prison.

Witnesses at Looking Cloud’s trial testified that Graham shot Pictou Aquash in the back of the head as she begged for her life.

Graham pleaded not guilty and is fighting extradition. He is out on bail with strict conditions.

More than two weeks have been set aside for his extradition hearing in December. On



John Graham



Arlo Looking Cloud



Anna Mae Pictou Aquash

Monday, Nov. 1, lawyers were in court to make final arrangements for arguments related to that hearing.

Graham’s lawyer, Terry LaLiberte, told Justice Elizabeth Bennett he will make an argument for fuller disclosure of evidence as well as a challenge to whether Canada’s Extradition Act can allow hearsay evidence.

“I don’t trust their client,” LaLiberte told Bennett, refer-

ring to the U.S. government, which is represented in court by a federal Justice Department lawyer, Deborah Strachan.

Outside court, LaLiberte said he has been provided with an “overview” of the United States’ case against Graham but he wants to know more fully “what they are going to rely on.”

Aquash’s death came amid a series of bloody clashes between federal agents and AIM, which called for treaty

rights and self-determination for Indians.

Aquash, a Mi’kmaq from Nova Scotia, was among the Indian militants who occupied the village of Wounded Knee for 71 days in 1973. Aquash’s family exhumed her body last month from a South Dakota grave so she could be reburied in Nova Scotia.

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Pine Ridge, Todd County, Lower Brule lose in first round of playoffs

Season wrap-up: Lower Brule finishes best season in 25 years

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE - Chas DeMers of Winner set the tone for the first round 11A football playoff game Tuesday night in Pine Ridge by grabbing the opening kickoff of the game and sprinting 90 yards for a touchdown. Winner took 11 seconds to go up 7-0 against Pine Ridge and wrapped the game up in the first half finishing with a 53-0 win over the Thorpes.

“We just got abused,” said Pine Ridge head coach, Dave Michaud; “we have so much more work to do to play at the level that Winner, Vermillion and West Central are playing at.”

Brandon Tritle, a 195 pound senior fullback became a one man wrecking crew as he reeled off three straight touchdowns on the ground with runs of 65, 9 and 48 yards to give Winner a 25-0 lead before the end of the first quarter. Jeremiah Assman opened the second quarter with a 22 yard burst up the middle to put Winner up 32-0. Jake Pruss, Winner's tight end grabbed a 21 yard pass for a touchdown to bring a bit of balance to Winner's offense giving the Warriors a 39-0 lead.

“Our players learned for next year,” added Michaud; “we have a long way to go to really build a program here, we need to start younger than the 7th and 8th grade program that we have here and we need to work more during the off-season and develop a tougher schedule.”

Chas DeMers added a 61 yard touchdown scamper and topped the evening off with a 19 yard TD run around the end for a 53-0 lead and the ballgame as it was called at the half. Ryan Pourier, Pine Ridge's junior quarterback, was pressured all night long and sacked five times. Pourier was nine of 25 for 81 yards. The running game was non-existent.

“We just lacked consistency over the season and we just didn't have the discipline that was necessary to go further than the first round of the playoffs,” said Michaud. Dave was reluctant to single out any one player but on defense felt that Brandon Kills Small, Phillip Rowland, Bulldawg Michaud and Matt Standing Crow led the way this year. Offensive leaders included Ryan Pourier, Bobby Janis, Brandon Kills Small, Michaud and Brandon Brown. Larry Lame on offense and J.D. Two Bulls on defense anchored the line for the Thorpes added Michaud.

Pine Ridge finished the year with a 5-4 record including wins over Crow Creek, St. Francis, Red Cloud, Cheyenne Eagle Butte and Todd County. Winner played Vermillion in the second round of the playoffs, Vermillion triumphed 34-15.

Lower Brule lose hard fought battle with Faith

Lower Brule: “We told the players to take care of the details and you would be fine,” Lower Brule's head coach, Weldon Comes Flying said; “it turned out to be three big plays that made all the difference, Faith's wide receiver got a step or two on our defender and scored three times.”

Lower Brule finished the first half with a 12-8 lead but watched the visitors from Faith dominate the second half scoring 26 unanswered points. Faith wrapped up a first round playoff win in 9B knocking off Lower Brule 34-12.

“We didn't do too bad for a basketball school,” explained Comes Flying who is already looking forward to next year. “We have a lot of new weightlifting equipment at the school and going undefeated in the regular season has created

some excitement and enthusiasm for putting in some extra work,” added Comes Flying.

In looking back on the year, the best for Lower Brule since 1979, Comes Flying felt that Charles Whitney was just an all around great athlete for the team.

“If you threw that ball out there Whitney would find a way to catch it, just like he did against Hoven/Edmund Central on 4th and eleven and that team down a touchdown late in the game,” said Comes Flying; “he also punted for us, played outside linebacker and could throw a halfback pass when you needed it.”

Kyle Middletent provided an awful lot of speed for us and a never quit attitude that inspired the younger players continued Comes Flying. Early in the year, Kyle had four long runs called back but he just would never give up or hang his head, concluded Comes Flying.

Unable to pick just one or two players on defense, Comes Flying stated strongly that the success on defense was based on a team defense.

“We played a get in your face type of defense, scrappy, fill the gaps and don't get beat deep team defense,” added Comes Flying who felt they would be back strong next year with five juniors and seven sophomores from this team including TJ McCauley, an excellent receiver.

Lower Brule finished up 8-1 with wins over Tiospa Zina, McLaughlin, Tiospaye Topa, Edgemont/Oelrichs, Marty, Sunshine Bible, Hoven/Edmund Central and Dupree/Isabel. After winning the first round playoff game, Faith went on to lose to Selby Area 54-6.

“We need to really thank the families of all the players who really supported the team this year and to congratulate the team, the coaches, the cheerleaders and all of those who helped us this year,” added Comes Flying; 'thanks also to DJ and Kyle Middletent for their gift from the team.”

Little Wound

The Little Wound Mustangs wrapped up their season on the road with a triple overtime win over Cheyenne Eagle Butte 18-12 in the rain and mud to finish 3-5 for the season. According to assistant coach Howard Hunter Jr., the Mustangs had two strong games out of their last three.

“The Pine Ridge game was the highlight of the year,” said Hunter; “we didn't have any trouble in motivating the team for that homecoming game, we hung on for a 19-18 win.”

Wide receiver Tyrel Pierce, quarterback Johnny Cloud and fullback Loudon Whirlwind Horse were singled out for their offensive contribution this year. On defense it was defensive end

Jason Iron Cloud and middle linebacker Loudon Whirlwind Horse.

Todd County

Todd County hosted Vermillion in the first round of the SD 11A football playoffs last Tuesday and Vermillion was not the politest of visitors. The Tanagers scored the first three times they had the ball, going up 21-0 and finishing with a strong win 41-16.

“We struggled at quarterback all year because of injuries,” said Bob Kornely, Todd County head coach; “Stoney Larvie, our third string quarterback went out with a bad concussion during our third series of downs - that meant we were down to our fourth quarterback, Jared Allen.”

“We lost a potential all state player when Brad Folkers broke his hand in the third game of the year, then our second quarterback, Tony Iyotte, ended up in a cast and Stoney Larvie, a sophomore, had to step in and provide the direction for the rest of the year,” added Kornely.

Despite the injuries, Kornely felt that the team made the necessary adjustments and finished with a respectable 5-3 regular season record and a number two seed in the region.

“When we began the year, we thought 5-3 would have been good, but after we started we actually thought we could do better, maybe 6-2 or 7-1 but injuries slowed that down, so it has definitely been a roller coaster year,” said Kornely. We are happy about the new All Nations Conference and are definitely looking forward to next year, he added.

Offensively, Kornely felt Tommy Keller had a great year along with freshman running back Gunner Krogman and senior Brad Folkers who moved from quarterback to fullback after breaking his hand. Roger Roether and Dennis McDaniel, both seniors anchored the line for the Falcons, going both ways. On defense, Charley Her Many Horses at linebacker and the youngsters, Gunner Krogman and Stoney Larvae brought the energy and heart to lead the defense relayed Kornely.

Todd County finished 5-4 with wins over Cheyenne Eagle Butte, St. Francis, Crow Creek, Red Cloud and Little Wound. Vermillion went on to defeat Winner 34-15 in the second round of the 11A playoffs.

Red Cloud

“The highlight of the season had to be going to Kyle and getting a solid win over the Little wound Mustangs,” said head coach Derek Goodwin; “that win represented a really good week of practice, with everyone there and working hard and that



Brandon Kills Small, of the Thorpes tries to dodge a tackle. (Photo courtesy of Jerry Matthews of M&M Photography)

gave us a boost and the where-withal to knock off Little Wound for the first time in several years.”

Red Cloud beat St. Francis in their first game of the season and beat Little Wound 30-6 for a 2-6 season record. We were in three other games that could have gone our way with added Goodwin.

“These players were great,

they never quit, they showed great enthusiasm and overcame tremendous odds, they showed responsibility and leadership for the entire school,” said Goodwin.

Ryan Charging Cloud was in only his second year as quarterback, freshman Andrew Twiss played as hard as he could all year, Tori All Runner was super on the line, Mike Whirlwind

Horse ran with a lot of heart and Kyle White played guard and tackle, we couldn't have done it without his presence on the line and Tyler Little Finger and Darrel Kihega made great contributions concluded Goodwin. We are close, we need a junior high program and more numbers.

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The Voice of Indian people: Where is it?

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Guest Editorial

The white man has stolen so much from us Indians and now they are stealing our voice, like we aren't intelligent enough to speak up for ourselves.

Just about anywhere you go you can find at least six Indian newspapers on the news stands touting themselves as the "Voice of Indian people."

I agree that many local newspapers throughout Indian Country have local news coverage written by Indians. What I'm talking about is the major ones who have circulations of more than 5000 a week, the ones who rake in thousands of advertising dollars every week preying on the Indian dollar.

The white man knows where the money is. How many millions of dollars flow into the reservations economies every week from Indian casinos, federal, tribal and state programs? And where do they flow to?

But, can a newspaper whose

editorials are written by non-Indians, employs mostly non-Indian reporters and salespeople ethically call themselves the "Voice of Indian people?"

For more than a year I worked and watched as non-Indian staff writers and salespeople, like barking dogs berated, demeaned and criticized Indian staff writers and salespeople until the boss fired the Indian employees or they quit from frustration.

After Indian employees left, I watched their ads get snatched up by the salesperson who criticized them. Even when still employed, many would come back into the office only to find she had chalked up there ads to herself.

In fact that salesperson was promoted to Sales Manager even after she was threatened with criminal action for fraud by the States Attorney General for charging sales to credit cards without authorization.

But hey, she makes money, right? But then they are no longer about the "Voice of Indian People," they are only about

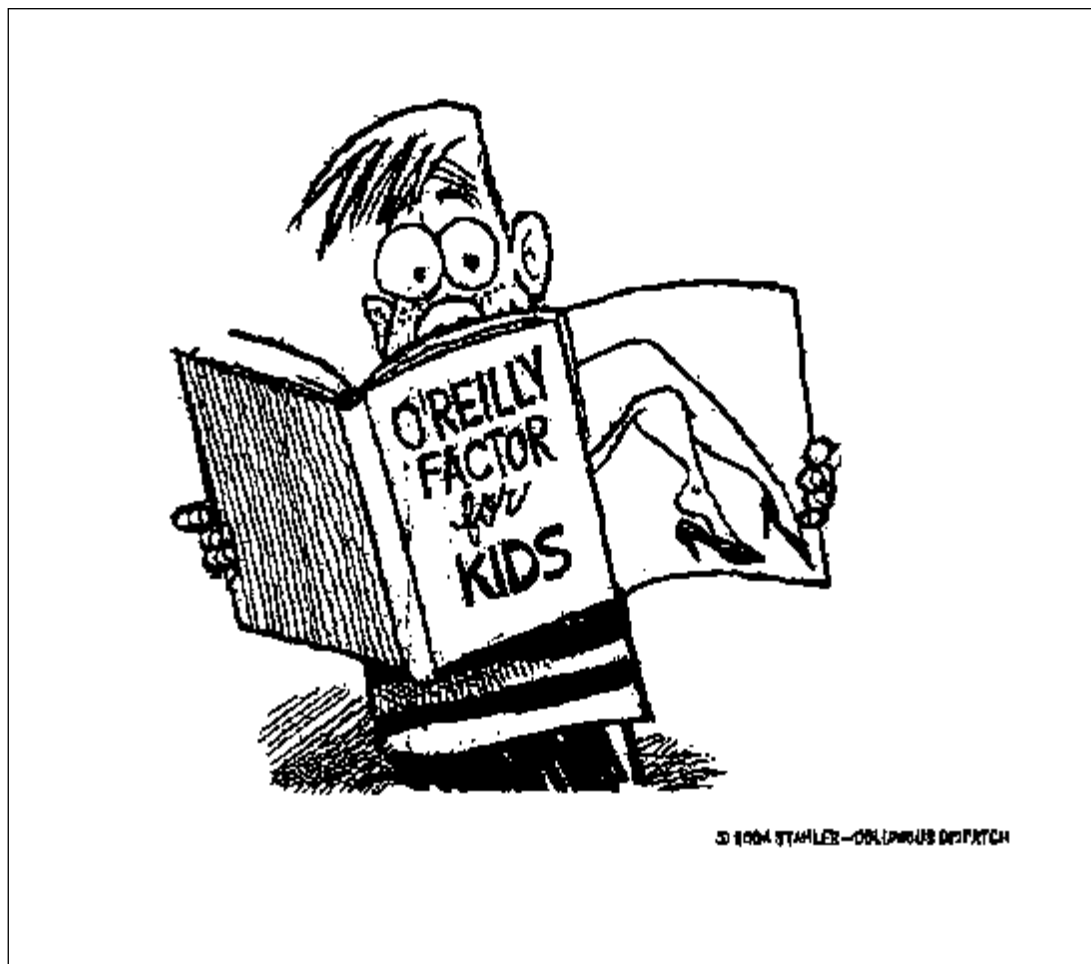
making money. Even their editorials are written by non-Indians now.

Now that "so called" Indian newspaper sent out letters to all their advertisers accusing the Lakota Times of fraudulently trying to obtain ads. What a joke!

I am now employed by the Lakota Times as a staff writer. I am a Lakota Winyan of Minnicoujou, Hunkpapa and Hock-chunk descent. I graduated from Si Tanka University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management, a feat I am quite proud of as not too many women enter the business field.

The Lakota Times has dedicated itself to be a newspaper of the people, by the people and for the people.

The Lakota Times has dedicated itself to be a newspaper of the people, by the people and for the people. The newspaper is located in Kyle, employs Lakota and wants to keep the dollar on the reservation and promotes community oriented news.



Letters

Native Americans veteran to be honored in Falls City, Neb.

Dear Editor,

The annual Veterans Day Celebration this year in Falls City, Neb., will be a special salute to our Native Americans who served their nation in military uniform.

The Iowa Tribe Color Guard from White Cloud, Kansas, will lead the afternoon parade. Their members will be honored during a morning program at the public high school that will include students from the parochial school and the general public. The Native Americans who served in our local National Guard unit during World War II that earned two unit citations for St Lo and Bastogne will be honored as well.

Our scheduled speaker this year is a Lakota Sioux, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Brewer, who was badly wounded in Afghanistan. He has served in the infantry battalion in Southeast Nebraska and has helped train the guardsmen here in Falls City.

At the 11th hour our state's Adjutant General has grabbed Lt. Brewer up for a Veterans Day program at Beatrice, Neb. We are attempting to get General Lempke to change his mind and allow this Native American to participate in a special program for Native Americans in Falls City. With help we might just succeed.

Marshall Maddox
Lincoln, Neb.

Witch costumes are wrong

Dear Editor:

Why has God and His word been taken out of our schools? What do we have now? We have teachers teaching our children that witches are cool.

This past week as I was driving by one of the schools on our reservation, a witch was coming down the street with a bunch of little children all dressed in different kinds of costumes.

I was amazed with what I saw then soon another one was coming down the street in the same costume with another bunch of children.

Why could we not do what our parents and grandparents did in the past? They had a fair at the end of the year, where they showed off what they grew and made and had a contest of who did the best. I am 66 years old now and could remember how the people were so excited about who was going to win this year and who was going to do what. What happened to that way of life?

I guess it quit when people started to move into the cluster type housing and left their little houses with no running water, wood stoves and out houses.

No more did they have to make a living for their families, so they quit all that was good and took up the way of the make believe world of TV and just sit around and do nothing. They can not have gardens like their ancestors did because of not enough land around their houses.

Before this type of housing came out, the elderly wanted houses built on their own lands, but they were overruled and started to build the cluster type houses. What the elderly said is so true, they said these houses are going to breed all kinds of evils, so now we see what is happening.

Let's look at what God has to say about witches and all that go along with that lifestyle. God warned the people at that time about doing what others did. This is found in the Old Testament. "Let no one be

found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord you God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 18: 10, 11, 12 and 13 NIV.

The next one is in the New Testament. "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19, 20 and 21 NIV.

Why do we do what is wrong and then complain when hard times come our way. Our children eat too much candy, so their health is not good; some have diabetes and other illnesses. I know because I use to think Halloween was cute and fun for the children and use to decorate up our house for the occasion, until I started to read the word of God and started to notice the things that we are going on.

Let us do right and obey God and His word, so he will bless us. When we obey God, we will believe on His Son Jesus Christ, we will repent of our sins, start living in a different way by reading God's word and praying to Him. Here is a promise from the word of God. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33 NIV.

When I give you a verse to read, please take time to read the whole chapter. To better understand what is being said.

Cecelia Fast Horse-Spotted Bear
Wounded Knee, SD

Thank you to a group of people who aren't used to getting praise

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter to thank a group of dedicated people who aren't used to getting praised or even getting a kind thank you. These people are the ones in the medical profession.

Recently I was diagnosed as having cancerous lesions on both of my kidneys. Consequently, I was scheduled for an operation on my right kidney, at the Mayo Clinic on the 7th of October, 2004.

Upon arrival at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn, I was re-evaluated & it was determined by the Mayo staff that my left kidney needed the utmost attention. On October 21, 2004, my left kidney was operated on and the cancerous lesions were removed successfully. Presto, one healthy kidney! A new lease on life! My right kidney is still cancerous and

another operation is pending, but for right now, I see a light at the end of the tunnel.

My special and heartfelt thanks goes to the following people: IHS Hospital and Dr. Beileil and his entire staff; Urological Clinic of Rapid City and Dr Yamada and his entire staff; Mayo Clinic in Rochester Mn and Drs. D.E. Engen, Dr. Roth and staff; Rochester Methodist Hospital and all of the nice considerate staff of the 5th floor; OST treasurers office and Bobette Patton and Cheryl Whistler; IHS Social Services and Debra Merrival.

To all of you, hang in there! You are definitely making a great big difference in some lives, especially in my life.

A great big thanks to all of you.

Walt Swan Sr.
Pine Ridge, SD

Transitions of college life

OMAHA, Neb.— In less than two months, I will transition from being a carefree college student to a young photojournalist.

As I sit at my job, working as a desk receptionist at Davis Square apartments on the Creighton University campus, I cannot help but think about my future. Maybe because graduation is rapidly approaching or maybe because I'm working the graveyard shift and my mind wanders to stay awake.

Whatever the reason, the fact remains; in a matter of weeks, I will no longer support myself financially by answering phone calls. I will be a photojournalist, and an unemployed one at that.

It's hard to imagine life after college. This has truly been the best time of my life. I highly recommend it. At what other point in your life are there so many opportunities and choices at hand?

You have the chance to expand your knowledge, voice your opinions and listen to lots of points of view. There are clubs, organizations and study groups to join, and lectures, workshops, plays, community service projects and sporting events to attend. Furthermore, you're in good company. There are thousands of people your age doing the same thing.

Four years sounds like a long time, and sometimes college may seem intimidating, especially when you are the first in your family to attend, let alone graduate. However, once you get past that initial apprehension about leaving home—maybe for the

Guest Editorial



By Tetona Dunlap
Photo credit: Albert J. Two Bears a graduate of Little Wound High School and attends Creighton University

first time—you may never want to go back.

Taste of Freedom

That first taste of freedom for me was addictive. I love home, but the appeal of everything else was greater.

Before I attended college, I never traveled anywhere by myself, let alone to a large city. Now I have twice seen the brilliant, ad-infested walls of Times Square in New York City, and I have lived in the trendy Capitol Hill district of Seattle.

The excitement that, I had always imagined, existed outside of the Wind River Indian Reservation and beyond the borders of Wyoming has always captivated me. As a result, I decided to major in journalism. I specifically chose photojournalism because you have to be everywhere to capture good photographs. Photojournalists have to interact with people and fully immerse themselves in the surroundings.

During my two photography internships, I met many interest-

ing people I would have never otherwise met, such as the vivacious elderly woman in rural South Dakota who once rode her Harley around the United States during a time when women did not ride motorcycles.

I never imagined getting the chance to photograph the president of the United States twice, the vice president or the Rev. Jesse Jackson. I would not have met all the motivated and accomplished young journalists who also interned for the Associated Press last summer. I am certain they will all go on to become successful editors, reporters and photographers.

With so much for which I am grateful, I cannot comprehend what the future holds. Once again I am leaving my comfort zone—one I created here at Creighton—to explore the curiosities of the world. I am almost 23, yet I still feel like I'm facing the transition from high school to college.

Only this time, I'm leaving my second home, family and friends to pursue my dream of becoming a photojournalist.

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Manifest Destiny and the “Indian Reformists”

After the Civil War the eyes of the victors turned west. As often happens in wartime, the thousands of deaths on the battlefield were more than offset by an extremely high birth rate. America now felt that it was time to enforce the theory of Manifest Destiny and move the growing population into Indian country.

A powerful contingency known as the “Indian Reformists” began to set down the guidelines for the federal policy toward American Indians. The American policy of gaining Indian lands through whatever means available was well known to the Reformists and they, in collusion with the federal government, set about introducing their methods for solving the “Indian problem.”

Their methods did not include input from the Indian nations they were about to evaluate. Instead, their powerful Christian ideologies would lead the way and the very fervor they brought to Manifest Destiny would become the law of the land.

To them Indian people were children steeped in heathen beliefs and a process of re-education would bring them into

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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the world of the civilized. The reformists were made up mostly of Protestant clergymen. But many government officials, educational leaders, newspaper editors, and individuals with their eyes on gaining possession of Indian lands were also involved.

Not so surprisingly, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sprouted many of the reformers. Helen Hunt Jackson, author of A Century of Dishonor, a book that became mandatory reading for the early Indian activists of the 1960s, Samuel Chapman Armstrong, founder of the Hampton

Normal and Agricultural Institute and Senator Harry L. Dawes, the author and sponsor of the Dawes General Allotment Act of 1887, were some of the leaders of the reformist movement.

The Dawes Act was probably the major contributor to breaking up the major land holdings of the Indian people and in pushing the efforts to acculturate and assimilate them.

The federal government then encouraged the reformists to support the construction of the off reservation boarding school system. The schools were designed to move the Indian children from the comfort and security of their homes on the reservation and place them in institutions where the process of separating them from their culture, traditions, spirituality and language would bring them into the mainstream of America and sever their ties to their past.

By 1902 the United States was operating 25 boarding schools in 15 states with 9,736 students.

Perhaps the precursor of the boarding school system was the little known Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute in Virginia a school was estab-

lished by General Samuel Chapman Armstrong in 1868 as a school for freed slaves. A devout pupil of General Armstrong, General Richard Henry Pratt, who would later found Carlisle Industrial School in Pennsylvania, would be allowed to bring 65 Indian prisoners of war to Hampton.

Hampton would become a testing ground for race relations between Indians and African Americans.

General Armstrong’s intent was to use the African American students as role models to help the Indian students learn English more readily. The African American men were also to be used to show the Indian men how to treat Indian women. Most Indian men felt that this intrusion into the traditional way they treated the Indian women of their respective tribes was extremely disrespectful and only served to aggravate the tensions between the two races.

Eventually the experiment at Hampton ended and the school became a part of the all-black college system along with Florida A&M and Grambling. Indian students were no longer attendees at Hampton.

But the die had been cast and

the Bureau of Indian Affairs opened boarding schools across the western United States. The race to civilize the Indian people through separation from family and traditions soon went into high gear. Different church organizations joined the fray and Indian mission boarding schools sprouted all over the west. In South Dakota alone boarding schools such as Holy Rosary Mission at Pine Ridge, Marty Indian School at Wagner, St. Stephan at Crow Creek and St. Francis Indian Mission at Rosebud were founded at the turn of the century.

Though well intentioned from the viewpoint of the reformists and missionaries, the damage wrought by the schools on the Indian people has not ended even to this day. The edict that all of the history, traditions, cultural values and relationships within a tribal structure were wrong and evil left many Indian students with mixed messages and low self-esteem. Many of us left the Indian mission boarding schools not knowing who were and not knowing what to expect from the larger world around us.

In our efforts to reconstruct

our own history and separate fact from fiction many Indian people embarked upon a journey of research. We had to go back into our own oral history and regain the knowledge stored in the minds of our elders.

I suspect that this started a “reformists” movement in reverse for many Indian scholars and tribal leaders. Not only did the efforts of the Indian educators push for the restoration of our own history but they also had to embark on a path of re-educating those who had simply accepted that which was not factual.

Throughout Indian country the process of education and re-education is ongoing. Indian high schools and colleges on the reservations are leading the way. Undoing the damage done by the BIA boarding schools and Indian missions is the big challenge of this century for Indian educators, historians and journalists.

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The burden of childhood: we need to teach good values

By Dr. Archie Beauvais
Special Editorial
to Lakota Times

This morning it is Halloween 2004 and as I turned onto Soldier Creek Road in Soldier Creek community of Rosebud, there were about eight children ages ranging from 8-12 years old. They were carrying trash bags and picking up trash from the side of the road. One was putting on plastic gloves and as I glanced in my rearview mirror, my first thought that it was a very responsible task for such young people do be doing on a Sunday and Halloween, no less.

My next thought is that I should stop and ask them if I

could purchase drinks for them. There were no convenience stores close by, so I scrapped that idea. In the past, I just could not pass up young children picking up trash that all of us probably threw there. Now days, I would rather see adults picking up trash along side of the road and displaying their civic pride. I recall when I was at St. Francis Indian School last year, we did not let the students roam very far during Unci Maka day to pick up trash. There were rumors of drug paraphernalia and such thrown on the side of the roads and we did not want to take the chance of them getting poked or poisoned.

I have bought cold drinks for

students from Rosebud Elementary, the Rosebud Head Start and North Elementary on three different occasions when I observed them picking up trash. I remember that it was warm and they needed to be hydrated. I did it because I care for children and in one case my son was with the group. I guess for me the bottom line is that I would rather see older students and adults picking up trash and not our younger elementary children.

When I was a youngster, life really did seem to be simpler. We were poor like most Lakota families and did not have the resources to buy toys or bikes or other exotic things. We did not have any such advanced

technological toys or games to play with that might distract us and take up our time, as is the case today.

Our nutrition was not that great, as the school lunch program was the best time of the day. Ghoulish was my favorite as it seemed to last a long time. When I grew up, my doctor told me that I could have been taller if I had better nutrition.

Today, there are is a lot of public consciousness about diabetes and its potential harm. The Diabetes Prevention Program is doing a great job as it tracks children who are overweight and exhibit signs of the potential onset of juvenile diabetes. Young and older parents alike, are now are on the

lookout to be healthier and read labels and to eat more fruits and vegetables.

Our children today are burdened with a lot of stress in their lives. They hear about the war in Iraq in some far away place and wonder if it will touch their lives. They hear about gang violence and wonder if they can get a good education in our schools without being shortchanged. One administrator told me that it would be ideal if all of the children with good attendance and grades could be grouped together in one class.

With all of the societal distractions that our children face, there does not seem to any viable solution other than good

sound parental involvement. The adult world is a rather unforgiving place, but we need to realize that for our children, this is their time. We are only coming this way once, so we need to teach good values and cherish our children as they make their way in the world.

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LaCreek District promotes domestic violence awareness to youth



Back row (L-R): Nancy Blue Legs, Teri Blue Legs, Isadore Poor Thunder, Larry Joe Richards, Julie Poor Bear, Teri Valandra, Stevie Lone Dog, Joyce Wheeler-Holy Eagle, Rodney Randall, Tracy Dubray, Cindy Wheeler, Mariah Cottier, Jennie Fly. Front row (L-R): Alice Young, JJ Cottier, Philip Richards, Jamahl Richards, Everett Libby, Wesley Wheeler, Lester Fly, Natalie poor Bear, Lola Dubray, Tommy Wheeler, and Keva Mousseau. All were participants in the Oct. 26 Domestic Violence and Candlelight Vigil awareness walk at Martin. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Three Stars)

By Rebecca Three Stars
Special to Lakota Times

MARTIN — In a surprising turnout of youth, more than 70 people participated in a Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil and Walk, Tuesday, Oct. 26. The walk was a coordinated effort of the Cangleska, Inc. satellite office of

Martin, class members of Shirley Big Eagle’s Oglala Lakota College Conflict Management and Resolution and Family Violence class and the YO center. The walk begin at the Martin Cangleska office and ended at the Sunrise Homes, east of Martin.

Other people involved in coordinating the walk was Nicole Bear Heels of Martin’s

Cangleska office; Sandy Flye, Joyce Wheeler-Holy Eagle and Rodney Randall of Youth Opportunity Center; Linda Richards, Teresa Imitates Dog, and Bernard “Sonny” Richards of the Boys and Girls Club.

The youth carried four cardboard figures of four people killed in domestic violence acts. The four people were from the Pine Ridge

Reservation. Participates received t-shirts and were served a meal of soup, frybread, and sandwiches. A special thanks to the Bennett County Sheriff’s department and the OST Public Safety officers for their escort services for the safety of the walkers.

Reading Achievers Program makes a big splash at Bateland

BATESLAND — The No Child Left Behind Summer Reading Achievers Program at Batesland School in Shannon County ended with a splash; in fact, it ended with many splashes. Students, who read books over the summer as a part of this program, earned a throw at the dunk tank for every age-appropriate book read during summer vacation. An additional throw was awarded for those in attendance the first day of school. The two people, who were often given a cooling dunk on the hot summer day, were Principal J. Wayne Goff and instructor Robert ‘Bob’ Barnett. Everyone had a great time with water and jokes traveling both ways.

Additionally, students, who completed the 10-book eligibility requirement, are to receive an embossed “No Child Left Behind Summer Reading Achievers” certificate signed by Secretary Paige and Secretary Melmer, a t-shirt, and other prizes yet to arrive from the T.I.E. Office.



The pitcher is Demcie Mesteth. Seated on the dunk tank is Bob Barnett, instructor, and standing is J. Wayne Goff, Principal. Assisting are Bruce Bad Milk in the foreground and Alan Hanneman and George Cummings in the background. (Photo by Jo Two Lance)

Wanblee man pleads not guilty to second degree murder

RAPID CITY — On Oct. 21, Wichape George Milk of Wanblee appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Marshall P. Young in federal court and pled not guilty to a charge of second degree murder.

Following an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Milk, 20, was

indicted by a federal grand jury which met in October.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is any of years or life imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine. McMahon said the charges relate to an incident which occurred at Wanblee on Oct. 15, when Milk and another defendant, Petan Duane Milk, allegedly stabbed Arlen Bissonette to death. This charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Mandel is prosecuting the case. No date has been set for trial.

NCLB Summer Reading Achievers Program



Sydney Brown Bear



Jessica Clifford

PIERRE — Top-achieving students in the No Child Left Behind Summer Reading Achievers Program were honored Oct. 1 at the State Capitol. In attendance were 190 people.

South Dakota was one of 11 sites—and the only state in the nation—chosen to participate in the U.S. Department of Education’s Summer Reading Program. The program included grades K-8 and its purpose was to maintain reading skills during the summer months. In order to participate, students were required to read at least 10 age-appropriate books during this time period.

In South Dakota 8,367 students, representing 203, met or exceeded the minimum goal of reading 10 books. The total number of books that the students read topped 98,550 books. The top reader, a second grade student from

Brandon, read 295 books. A third grade student from Harrold read 222 books and a fourth grade student from Beresford read 180 books.

Shannon County School District is proud to announce that two students from Batesland School were so honored and attended the ceremony. Sydney Brown Bear, fourth grade, read 20 books and Jessica Clifford, fifth grade, read 30 books. Jessica and Sydney are dedicated, respectful young women who truly deserve this tribute.

Those attending the recognition were Sydney, her aunt Dorothy Brown Bear and her teacher, Mrs. Trish Schumacher; Jessica, her parents Ron and Lori Clifford, her sister, Allison, and her teacher Mrs. Janell Youel.

Sydney is the niece of Dorothy Brown Bear. Jessica is the daughter of Lori and Ron Clifford.

State gives equipment to help schools track child obesity

PIERRE — The Department of Health is awarding 52 measuring boards and 81 scales to 90 schools across South Dakota to help track the state’s growing child obesity problem. The schools represent 42 districts and also include eight private or BIA schools. The equipment has been ordered and is expected to be delivered to schools within two weeks.

Eagle Butte Upper Elementary, White Eagle Christian Academy of Mission, Pine Ridge School, Rockyford Elementary School are some of the areas school that will be receiving balance beam scales and measuring boards.

Batesland School and Wolf Creek School are area schools to receive balance beam scales. Lower Brule and White River Elementary will receive measuring boards.

“This is the second school year we’ve been able to get schools the equipment they need to monitor student height and weight,” said Kristin Bisheborn, MPH, RD, LN, State Nutritionist for the Department of Health. “It will help data collection for the state’s annual student height and weight survey but can also help schools improve physical activity and healthy eating by their students.”

The data collection effort is a

cooperative effort by the Departments of Health and Education. Bisheborn said schools have been submitting student height and weight data each year since 1999. The 2002-2003 data show 33.3 percent of South Dakota students were overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. Overweight is defined as above the 95th percentile for children of the same age and gender; at risk for overweight is between the 85th and 94th percentiles. The 2002-2003 report and reports from previous years are on the web at www.state.sd.us/doh/Stats.

Overweight children are more likely to have elevated blood pressure and elevated insulin levels, risk factors for heart disease and diabetes. They are also more likely to have liver disorders, hypertension, sleep apnea and orthopedic complications as well as to be overweight as adults.

In exchange for the equipment, schools are asked to submit student height and weight data for three years. The equipment was purchased by the department with \$25,000 in grant funds from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and the Nutrition and Physical Activity Grant to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases.

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Ambulance service saves lives

Search and rescue team planned

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — The Pine Ridge Reservation ambulance service crew has been on the front line in many ways for saving lives and working to strengthen emergency services.

Lynn Gallego, ambulance service director for the Pine Ridge reservation contracted through Indian Health Service spoke about what the ambulance services does for the people.

"We offer van and ambulance service throughout the area. Ambulance service always goes to IHS. The van program takes people to Rapid City, Scottsbluff, and other places within 120 mile radius for spe-

cial appointments such as dialysis and diabetic concerns, eye doctors, heart doctors. People forget our rules, we need 24 hour notice, and they must have an appointment letter referred by IHS. One extra family member may go with them. Without the 24 hour notice we don't have time to respond. We have vans going out Monday through Friday, everyday at 9 a.m., and we have van service from Wanblee that leaves around 7 a.m. every morning," she said.

For dialysis, she said vans go everyday including Saturday. Dialysis patients are growing in numbers. For every patient that dies, we get foru new ones. "I had a brother on dialysis, I know why they have to get there right

on time, they need to start right on time, and we need to bring them home. They get so tired and they need their rest, they are cold tired and sick. These are the patients we like to work with, get them there, get them home, and get them comfortable," she said.

"We have 11 drivers," says Gallego. "With our EMT's we have 32 drivers. We are getting a new base that will be located at the hospital, for the emergency referrals so we can get them to a bigger or more specialized care hospital. We are working with IHS to try and cut down on the cost of the life flights because it takes a lot of money out of the contract care, and people can't

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Unusual virus can cause cervical disease



By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE – Terry Friend, is the Director of Midwifery Services at Pine Ridge Hospital, a women's health program dealing with all women's health care from the age of puberty to menopause.

"We handle 400 births a year, and the midwives deliver more than 90 percent of those," said Friend. "Compared to other areas, the midwives here have an expanded role. They have extra training to do things like obstetrical ultra sound, and we evaluate pap smears – that is a procedure called colposcopy – less than 10 percent of midwives in the United States have either one of these skills. That is because of the unusually high rate of cervical anomaly and irregular pathology in the United States. This is multi-fac-torial. We are not sure why."

"There are some studies being done on that," reports Friend. "Dr. Maria Bell, an obstetrician/oncologist from Sioux Falls, has the Spirit of Eagles Grant, and we send, with the women's permission, the pap smear samples. Usually cervical disease is caused by human papiloma virus, types 16 and 18,

but what her study shows that in Native women, there are other viral types that are causing the majority of cervical disease. There are vaccinations that are being developed for types 16 and 18 but not for the other ones, so even though there is a lot of help for victims of papilo-ma virus, (hpd) they are not going to help the women from this region. No one," adds Friend, "has to get cervical cancer anymore. It is completely preventable by regular pap smears."

"We have many young teen pregnancies, people having babies close together, pregnancy complicated by diabetes, pregnan-cies complicated by no pre-natal care," said Friend,

She said that these take special attention and so sometimes appointment time is filled. She said that for example, the month of October, it is filled and they have no November appointments available, but if patients show up and they are prenatal they will work them into the clinic.

She said, the clinic encourage people to have appointments, but things happen in people's lives, and something may not

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Youth Opportunity promotes many of life skills for kids

Grant money soon to be depleted, other avenues sought

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE – A program that has enhanced the lives of many reservation youth through cultural and academic life skills activities, and other ways will soon be coming to the end of their grant period.

"Today we are kicking off red ribbon week reservation wide to promote getting the youth to be drug free, and voter awareness for our 18 – 22 year olds" said Donnie DeCory. DeCory is the Project Director for the Youth Opportunity Program in Pine Ridge. "We don't care how they vote, just that they get out there and vote."

"We are grant funded through the Department of Labor" said DeCory. "The grant was original-ly written for 750 youth, so when they did the budget they budgeted that way. Our mentors really work hard, we have high case loads. We are done with our funding in July of 2005, but we are looking for other funding. We are writing our congressmen, going that route. We were established under a com-petitive grant, under the Clinton administration. Congress has not tried to renew it in any way. So we are writing our congressmen. We are trying to see if we can find any funds under the No Child Left Behind Act, we'll see after the election. We are applying for various grants, we don't think we will get as much as we would like, but we figure that we are pretty well established and we have a lot of our computers and we won't need so much money in start-up funding."

"We have a lot of kids that want to be part of YO," said De Corey. Mostly 12 and 13-years old, they can hardly wait, she said. But then the reality of it is, the way things are going, I don't know if we are going to have funding to allow those kids to be part of this program," she added.

DeCory said YO isn't like a service program one sees in a brochure, YO is a hands-on action full service program. "We have over 3,000 people enrolled in our program reservation wide. We try to do as much as we can, the majority of our money is for direct services to kids. We try to take them places and expose them to things outside of the reservation, so that big culture shock doesn't hit them so hard...we've really pushed and were really proud that we move the kids to be part of the community: to feel like they

belong, and every kid wants to be part of something," said DeCory.

"Our kids here actually developed the first park ever here in Pine Ridge, down there by the baseball fields. It has picnic tables, barbeque grills, it's been about two years now, they are very proud of that park, it's always packed with kids, there is a playground set that we partnered with the Empowerment Zone."

She said YO is working on completing a library on wheels. A bus was purchased, that will go to each district, and a library will be set for parents to use computers, there will be puppet shows, a place to read and check out books. The bus is still being remodeled and should be ready in about three weeks.

"We are getting ready for our big banquet that we have once a year where we honor all of our outstanding youth in each of the districts. It is based on their participation; like what they have done to better themselves not only in the program, but like any community service they've done, what they've achieved at their job, I mean there are just numerous ways to become an outstanding youth in their area. And we also honor our top Rewarding Youth on Achievement students. Those are kids that are 3.0 grade point average or above, and we honor our volunteers, and we honor all of our college graduates, are GED graduates. The kids do the entertainment at the banquet. It's just a big huge thing, we expect 200 to 300 people from all over the reservation. In this year's theme, we

are going back to the 1960's. We call it: 'Take a stroll down memory lane in your blue suede shoes,'" she said.

She said on Nov. 19 and 20, the program takes about 40 students to Rapid City to have an intense leadership personal development workshop. It is geared to enhance them with skills to be successful in life.

"We do self-esteem building, motivation, educational and, writing skills. We put a lot of money incentives into education" said DeCory. "Every year we give \$200 to everyone that graduates, all the seniors on the reservation including Chemawa Indian School in Oregon, and every year we give out \$8,000 to \$10,000 in scholarships to each of the high schools. The year before last year we gave every single graduating senior a \$1,000 scholarship, in Pine

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Trial vaccine may reduce risk of cervical cancer

NEW YORK —Researchers on Monday reported evidence that an experimental human papillomavirus vaccine can reduce the risk of cervical cancer.

In a six-year study of 2,391 women, participants were given either a placebo or an experimental vaccine for the most common strain of human papillomavirus, HPV 16, which causes about half of all cervical cancers.

The study was presented at

the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, which ends this week. Promising results of this cancer vaccine were first reported two years ago in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Eliav Barr, head of the HPV program at vaccine-developer Merck, says none of the 755 women who got the vaccine developed the pre-cancerous lesions that are an immediate

precursor to cervical cancer, while in the placebo group of 750 women, there were 12 cases of HPV 16-related lesions. The vaccine was given in three doses over six months.

After four years, there were 111 cases of HPV 16 infection in the placebo group, compared with seven in the vaccine group.

"Overall efficacy of the vaccine was 94 percent in reducing infection or diseases, and 100% effective against (pre-cancerous lesions)," Barr said.

"The study showed a clear effect in stopping carcinoma," said Scott Hammer of Columbia University, who was not involved in the research. "This is very important for women's health around the world."

Cervical cancer is rare in the USA, largely because of wide-spread use of screening with Pap smears, but it is a much larger problem elsewhere in the world. In the USA, cervical cancer claims 4,100 lives a year, but worldwide, 232,000 women

die from the disease.

HPV 16 is one of four strains of human papillomavirus included in a vaccine being tested now in a study that began in 2001 involving 25,000 women in 34 countries, Barr said. Results are expected by mid-2005.

The company may apply to federal regulators for a license by the end of next year, targeted to females ages 9 to 24.

In another study presented Monday, researcher Elena

Bogatcheva of the biotech company Sequella Inc. in Rockville, Md., reported that a potential new drug to treat tuberculosis shows promise in test tube and animal studies.

The drug is undergoing further testing to see if it can be used in human clinical trials. TB kills more than 2 million people a year, and drug-resistant forms of the illness are increasing, especially where HIV (news - web sites) is prevalent.

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Ridge it ended up being \$17,000 and Kyle was \$18,000. So we gave out close to \$60,000 in scholarships. All of our GED graduates get \$375 just for getting their GED degrees and college graduates get \$400. She added that for all the kids that go away to school we have hygiene baskets, laundry supplies, educational supplies all that expensive stuff that helps to have."

"One area that we promote is work readiness to develop true work skills," said DeCory.

"We get the kids clothes for jobs, we teach them all about finances, savings' accounts and how to learn to save. We give out incentives to our kids, shoes, gift certificates. We just contracted with a cosmetologist so if they get a new job and they want a new look, the girls can have pretty nails and hair, and the boys will have good looking hair to help with self esteem. They got to be able to really compete for jobs – they are competing against adults."

DeCory notes, "One of our biggest struggles that we have is the loss. We have lost quite a few kids in the last few years, 22 to 23 kids... auto accidents, violence, suicides. We took the kids to Joseph Marshall Camp, for a grief retreat, a lot of kids are dealing with death and loss, we do a lot of the recovery culturally, we have a suicide survivor group. So that they get to know that there are others out there just like them." DeCory said, "We also do a lot of counseling with our youth. We let the youth decided if they want to go off the reservation with somebody or do they want to utilize somebody here and do it culturally. If they want to do it culturally they we contract with a medicine man that teaches them about the sweat

and just kind of does their counseling in a traditional way about anger management and this is proving to be one of the most successful things in our program."

"We have recreation, a place where kids can just hang out and be kids; shoot pool, listen to music, place where they feel safe. We have snacks," says DeCory. We have a lot of kids we keep in touch with in jails. We work with a lot of federal juvenile probation officers and with the Oglala Sioux Tribal court system, and as a result they are required to be part of YO and they end up liking it."

The program also offers cultural arts and crafts classes and will soon promote a theatrical production called 'Where Is The Love', YO participants have formed a group that travels statewide to inform people the good things about Lakota culture, outfits, medicine wheel.

"Parenting classes are another facet of our program," says DeCory. "We had a big fatherhood retreat in Rapid City, where we took not only fathers but their girlfriends, and their entire families. A lot of family activities were done together, fatherhood and motherhood hands-on activity to bring the parents and the child together."

"We do so much, we push leadership skills, promote literacy, organize pep rallies in the schools, take youth on trips to help ease culture shock, and many other things. There is just too much to list, but most of all, we really help these kids," she said.

The main office of YO is located at Pine Ridge with Youth Opportunity centers located in Allen, Porcupine, Manderson, Martin, Kyle, and Oglala.

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seem right, or they start to bleed or whatever, but there are only so many of us so you may have to wait.

"We have five midwives, and we cover nine clinics a week, five in Pine Ridge, two in Wanblee and two in Kyle. We do virtually all the labor and delivery, and that is an awful lot," she added.

"We've done outreach on a Saturday," says Friend, "we've picked a community and we've held a clinic in an alternative setting. We've had them in Oglala, Manderson, and Porcupine. We all volunteer. We do this because many people can't get away, they work or have children, so on a Saturday we go to you, we try to make it fun, we have a walk/run. We have door prizes and we try our best, to meet the needs and provide health care.

"I want to say that the staff is dedicated to improving care to all women that we create comfort here, we don't want people to be scared, and we don't want people to be afraid to ask questions. We want to ensure that all the people that are hired here are a good match for the community," said Friend.

"There are Mammograms available at the Pine Ridge

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Terri Friend
Director of Midwifery Services at
Pine Ridge Hospital

Hospital," says Friend, "we do have a lot of no shows for that. If you have a suspicious lump, do get seen right away. If it does look suspicious, our patients go to Rapid City for biopsies, and it's never been declined – follow up is here. Sometimes patients get nervous, they get a letter saying your mammogram is abnormal or your pap smear is

abnormal come back in and then we won't see them. They don't come back. Two patients that I had yesterday who had been notified quite a while ago had highly suspicious pap smears. Now they are pregnant, they're coming in, and I had to talk to them. I asked them 'why didn't you come in?' They told me they were scared. If there is

something suspicious, we don't know what is going on until we do the biopsy."

Friend notes, "When I was in graduate school I had the opportunity to be part of what was called the diabetes concentration which was developed for areas where people's lives were complicated by diabetes. I took the concentration because I knew I was coming back to Pine Ridge. There wasn't a diabetes program here for prenatal and diabetes. Then the screening for diabetes in pregnancy was hit or miss. When I came back from graduate school I did want to set up a diabetes pregnancy program, and now we have a very active program based on the same protocols as Albert Einstein University. The doctors of our patients in Rapid City like to take our patients because they have been watched carefully."

Friend says, "Some of the community has fear that our midwifery program is not safe. Some of these misconceptions come from the way things are reported in the newspapers and other media. Sometimes it creates a perception that we have a lot of deaths here, but realistically we have really good outcomes."

Group selects outstanding principal from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte

RAPID CITY — Betty Ann Bringman, principal at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Primary School, is this year's Distinguished Principal as chosen by the South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals.

The association said she reflects the program's requirements of strong leadership, a commitment to programs meeting students' academic needs, and involvement in community and professional organizations.

Bringman taught for 28 years in the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School District before becoming primary school principal 11 years ago. She oversees a staff of 30 and an enrollment of 310 in kindergarten through second grade.



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10:00-10:45 "It's all about me and my self-esteem (Self esteem and personal values) Chance Rush
11:00-11:45 Mitakaye Oyasin - We are all related - Be proud - Will Peters
Lunch On Your Own
1:30-2:15 Listen to your heart - There is light at the end of the tunnel (Suicide Prevention)
2:30-3:15 Fitness Meet - the needs of the active teenage or stress (Teen) Mary Tobacco - OST Education

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00-10:45 Choose the Right (Friendships/Peer Pressure) Doni & Tiny DeCory
11:00-11:45 There is no "I" in team (team building) - Kevin Peniska, Sr.
Lunch On Your Own
1:30-2:15 "Breaking It Down" - Reality check - HIV/AIDS, It's here!!
2:30-3:15 Prairie & Michelle Building Community and School Pride Through Involvement Chance Rush

Presenters: Tiny DeCory, Chance Rush, Doni DeCory, Mary Tobacco, OST Yo Staff, OST Health Education, Kevin Peniska Sr., Prairie Blacksmith, Michelle Eagle Elk, Franklin Cook & Will Peters.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION ESSAY CONTEST

TOPIC:

"If you were to become Tribal President, what changes would you make, why and how?"

Essays may be sent to Laticia - YO, P.O. Box G, Pine Ridge, SD 57770, or take them to your local YO site.

For more information or to pre-register, call 605-867-2200

MISSION STATEMENT

The Y.O. Mission is to empower the youth to reclaim their lives by opening up windows of opportunities. Y.O. will invest in the lives of youth improving educational achievement and will inspire as well as challenge youth to develop work skills and life skills in order to ensure success in employment. We will instill life enhancing activities and skills to achieve excellence by providing fun, caring, and responsible adults to guide them through the various challenges, choices, and opportunities they may face.

PROGRAM DESIGN

The Intent of our youth program is to develop programs that recognize the different needs of youth - in school and out-of-school ranging in ages 14-21.

Various programs are being designed to address these individual needs. Being able to provide our youth with the resources needed to assist then in their career decision for the future is of our main focus area. With the development of more intense individual focus, high quality standards, combined with volunteer work, paid/unpaid work experience, strong leadership, and development activities, we expect to prepare youth for the workforce and assist then to become contributing members of their community.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GOALS • IT IS THE GOAL OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAM TO:

1. Provide services to eligible youth seeking assistance in achieving academic and employment success. Providing comprehensive activities, which include a variety of options for improving educational and skill competencies and provide effective connections to employers.
2. Provide opportunities for training.
3. Provide continued support services.
4. Provide incentive for recognition and achievement.
5. Provide opportunities for youth in activities related to leadership development, decision making and community service.
6. Ensure ongoing mentoring opportunities for youth with adults committed to providing such activities.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH AGES 14-21 WHO ARE WILLING:

- Be committed and participate
- Increase their reading and math levels
- Interested in Career Exploration
- Want help preparing for the ACT/SAT test
- Interested in volunteering to do community service
- Obtain vocational training in life skills and employment
- Receive assistance in obtaining employment
- Take part in unpaid/paid work experience
- Volunteer for leadership opportunities and peer tutoring
- Interested in receiving occupational/vocational training
- Obtain GED or high school diploma through alternate education courses.



Timothy M. Fast Horse

WOUNDED KNEE - Timothy M. Fast Horse, 43, Wounded Knee, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, in Chino, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include three brothers, Wilbur Fast Horse Jr., Wounded Knee, Terry Fast Horse, Denver, and Myron Fast Horse, Washington, N.C., and four sisters, Lorraine Bear Eagle and Phyllis Little Moon, both of Wounded Knee, Elizabeth Gibbons, Gordon, Neb., and Audrey Fast Horse, Los Angeles. A two-night wake service begin at Monday, Nov. 1, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wounded Knee.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the church, with the Rev. Bill Pauly officiating. Burial was Wednesday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Mildred G. White Eyes-Phillips

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. - Mildred G. White Eyes-Phillips, 76, Scottsbluff, died Thursday, Oct. 21, at Beverly Care Center in Scottsbluff. Survivors include one sister, Irene Jiminez, Scottsbluff, and two sons, Clarence "Butch" Bollinger and Rusty Bollinger.

A one-night wake began Friday, Oct. 29, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge, S.D. Services were Oct. 30 at Billy Mills Hall, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Holy Rosary Mission Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Fred "Budger" Brewer

PINE RIDGE - Fred "Budger" Brewer, 63, Pine Ridge, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Sioux Funeral Home in Pine Ridge.

Charlotte R. Chipps

WANBLEE - Charlotte R. Chipps, 22, Wanblee, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, , in Wanblee. Survivors include her father and stepmother, Charles Chipps Sr. and Jaylene Quick Bear, both of Wanblee; her mother, Gloria "Sally" White Feather, Sioux City, Iowa; three daughters, Constance Chipps, Deanna Chipps and Emily Chipps, all of Wanblee; one son, Malek Doyle, Wanblee; eight brothers, Trevor Chipps, Vincent Chipps, Godfrey Chipps, Charles Chipps Jr., Ellis Chipps, Andrew Chipps, Woptura Chipps and Jeffrey

Chipps, all of Wanblee; and six sisters, Michelle Chipps, Jesse Chipps, Sherry Chipps, Raylene Chipps, Rochelle Chipps and Crystal Chipps, all of Wanblee.

A two-night wake service begin Oct. 28 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee. Services were Saturday, Oct. 30, at the school, with the Rev. Webster Two Hawk officiating and traditional Lakota services by Richard Moves Camp. Burial was at Chipps Family Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Margaret A. Chipps

WANBLEE - Margaret A. Chipps, 28, Wanblee, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Wanblee. Survivors include her father, Benjamin Chipps, Florence, Colo.; her mother, Lena Quiver-Chipps, Wanblee; her husband, John Waters Sr., Wanblee; two daughters, Sioux Dawn Marie Waters and Dashawn Janai Waters, both of Wanblee; two sons, Austin Chipps and John "Jay Jay" Waters Jr., both of Wanblee; one stepson, Paul Waters, Allen; six brothers, Benjamin Chipps Jr., Sandstone, Minn., Clayton Red Elk and Jason Poor Bear, both of Wanblee, and Opejata Chipps, Hoksila Chipps and Zapta Chipps, all of Rapid City; and 12 sisters, Hope Chipps, Dorothy Chipps, Tanya Chipps, Nicole Chipps and Latisha Chipps, all of Wanblee, Julie Chipps, Black Hawk, Kansas Chipps, Cadance Chipps, Courtney Chipps, Tatewin Chipps and Sundance Chipps, all of Rapid City, and Justice Lee Chipps, Milwaukee.

A two-night wake service begin Oct. 28 at Crazy Horse

School in Wanblee. Services were Saturday, Oct. 30, at the school, with the Rev. Webster Two Hawk officiating and traditional Lakota services by Richard Moves Camp. Burial was at Chipps Family Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Colleen Tallman

ALLEN - Colleen Tallman, 54, Allen, died Monday, Oct. 25, in Rapid City. Survivors include her mother, Ramona Tallman, Allen; one daughter, Melvina Marshall, Allen; two sons, Curtis Conroy and Taylor Conroy, both of Allen; four brothers, Leon Tallman, Harvey Tallman, Marvin Tallman and Norman Tallman, all of Allen; four sisters, Arlene Tallman and Joyce Tallman, both of Allen, Amelia Jaquez, Dulce, N.M., and Mary Plenty Bull, Potato Creek; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A two-night wake service begin Oct. 28 at Inestimable Gift Episcopal Church in Allen. Services were Saturday, Oct. 30, at the church, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Burial was at Inestimable Gift Episcopal Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Johanna Josephine Waters

WANBLEE - Johanna Josephine Waters, infant, Wanblee, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Wanblee. Survivors include her father, Willard "John" Waters Sr., Wanblee; two sisters, Sioux Dawn Marie Waters and Dashawn Janai Waters, both of Wanblee; three brothers, Austin Chipps and

John "Jay Jay" Waters Jr., both of Wanblee, and Paul Waters, Allen; her grandparents, Lena Quiver-Chipps, Wanblee, Benjamin Chipps Sr., Florence, Colo., and Emma and Leroy Waters, Allen; and her great-grandmother, Victoria Chipps, Wanblee.

A two-night wake service begin Oct. 28 at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the school, with the Rev. Webster Two Hawk officiating and traditional Lakota services by Richard Moves Camp. Burial will be at Chipps Family Cemetery in Wanblee. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Cecelia T. Mesteth

MANDERSON - Cecelia T. Mesteth, 76, Manderson, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Max Mesteth, Manderson; three daughters, Christine Bores A Hole, Carol Mesteth and Maxine White Butterfly, all of Manderson; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A two-night wake service began Oct. 28, at Wounded Knee District School in Manderson. Services were Saturday, Oct. 30, at the school, with the Rev. Bill Pauly officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. Wilmer Mesteth. Burial was at Mesteth Family Cemetery in Manderson. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Baby Jade John Dillon

BATESLAND — Baby Jade John Dillon died Oct. 29 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital in

Rapid City.

Survivors include parents Lyle Dillon Jr. and Thecla Two Bears of Batesland, brothers Miles Dillon and Lyle Dillon III, a sister Donna Jo Dillon. Maternal grandmother JoAnn Briggs, of Allen, and paternal grandfather Lyle Dillon, Sr., of Long Valley.

A one night wake service will be Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the Batesland City Hall, in Batesland. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. AM, Thursday, Nov. 4 at the Batesland City Hall

Officiating will be Mr. Sid Has No Horse with burial at the Knight Cemetery in Batesland.

Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Soft

MOBRIDGE - Dennis Soft, 36, Mobridge, died Sunday, Oct. 31, due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending with Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

Theodore Duane Soft

MOBRIDGE - Theodore Duane Soft, 38, Mobridge, died Sunday, Oct. 31, due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending with Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

Dean Soft

MCLAUGHLIN - Dean Soft, 36, McLaughlin, died Sunday, Oct. 31, due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending with Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

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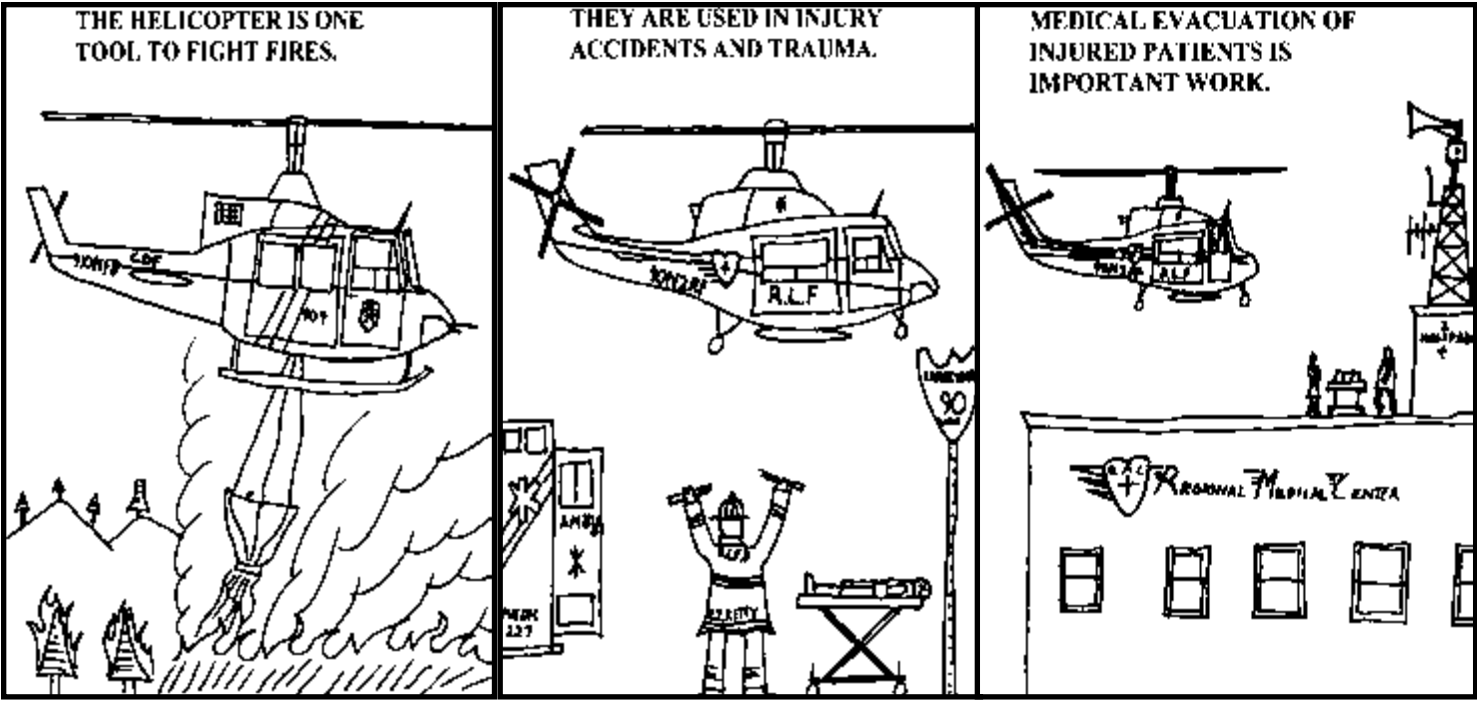
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Bulletins

Political offerings swamp mailboxes

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Postal Service workers confirm what many South Dakotans have noticed for weeks: There's been a big increase in political mailings.

Rapid City postal workers say up to 70 percent of the average customer's mail is made up of political fliers. And that means extra work at the post office.

"We have been working and manning with extra people 10 to 12 hour shifts just to make sure that we get that same mail that arrived last night to delivery for the carriers," said Pito Degallado, mail processing manager at Rapid City's post office.

The political mailings are expected to stop next week, but there won't be much rest for the Postal Service. The workers get about a week's break before the holiday mailing rush starts.

Testimony ends in Federal Beef lawsuit

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Testimony ended Thursday in a criminal lawsuit Rapid City filed against Federal Beef Processors.

The city accuses the company of 907 counts of maintaining a public nuisance for failing to clean up the rubble of its meat-packing plant that was destroyed by fire in January 2002.

The company said cleanup has been delayed because of disputes with its insurance company. Attorneys argued that no public complaints have been filed and that 2 million pounds of meat and debris have been removed.

The company could be fined a maximum of \$181,400, plus court costs, if found guilty.

Seventh Circuit Magistrate Shawn Pahlke heard the case and will have a ruling later.

Company says it won't reopen detention center at Plankinton

PLANKINTON, S.D. (AP) — A Texas company has decided against reopening a 40-bed detention center at the former State Training School in Plankinton.

Cornell Companies has also announced it will not go ahead with an 80-bed residential treatment center that also had been planned.

Cornell Companies closed the detention center in August while it worked with the state to get higher payments.

Cornell said it was expecting \$179 a day for each child. The state has said it would only pay \$125.27.



HAMBURGER SUPPER

- Sliced Cooked Potatoes
- 1 Sliced Onion
- ½ Can of Water
- 2 lbs. Hamburger
- 1 Can of Pork and Beans

Slice cooked potatoes in a 9x13 inch pan. Cooke ham-burger and sliced onions, drain and spread over potatoes. Add beans and water. Bake at 350 degrees until warmed through.

LOW CALORIE HOT DISH

- 1 small head of cabbage
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1lb. of hamburger
- ¼ cup uncooked rice
- 1 can water

But cabbage into 1 inch wedges and place in casserole dish. Brown hamburger and onion, add to dish. Add rice and place on top of cabbage. Mix tomato soup and water, pour all over. Bake 1 ½ hours at 350 degrees.

BEEF STROGANOFF CASSEROLE

- 1 lb hamburger
- ½ cups chopped onion
- ½ tsp. Salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 pkg noodles
- 1 cup sour cream

Brown hamburger, garlic, onion, salt and pepper. Add mushroom soup and simmer 5 minutes. Add cream of celery soup and one can of water and simmer 10 minutes. Cook the noodles. Just before serving, add sour cream to meat mixture, pour of noodles and serve.

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When a mother gets drunk, so does her unborn baby.

There is no safe time to drink during pregnancy.

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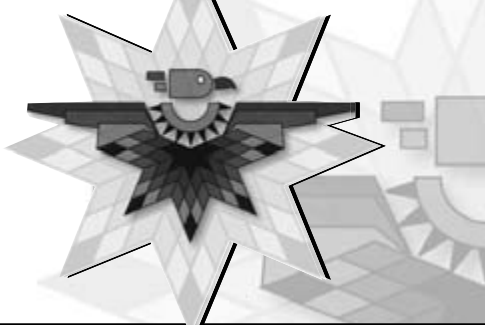
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Pine Ridge Ambulance:

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get the care they need because of no money. We should be able to put this together in November in a meeting with IHS, and hopefully it will be accomplished by Jan. 1."

"It is really hard to keep EMTs," Gallago said. "It is a real stressful position, it is really hard on them, they see a lot and they experience a lot of stress. The new base at the hospital will take eight EMTs. We always are in search of more EMTs" she said. She added that anybody that is interested in the health field, they have continuous EMT classes going. They work to promote people to work, to work among their people. As for now, there is a class going on in Kyle and the next one starts in April in Pine ridge and hopefully Kyle too.

"When I first started, we operated on a \$600,000 budget, for the whole reservation, that includes Wanblee, Kyle, Oglala, and Pine Ridge, Red Shirt Table, Allen—it's a wide area to cover,"

said Gallago. "One of the first things that I did as a director was to project the budget and I told them, this is what we are going to need to operate on to include payroll and training — and I got it! I don't know how, but I did. I just said that this is what we needed to run the program more efficiently and professionally. I got approval for \$1.6 million."

In March a new class started called Intermediate 99. This class is the first in South Dakota. "We had intermediate 85s, which is a couple of steps above being a basic. Intermediate 99 is a couple of steps away from being a paramedic. The 99 class ended in September we started with 20, and 10 finished, which is pretty good. Now they have to do their ride time, their clinics and finish their testing. They do their clinical time in OB, ER, and the lab," she said.

"Our level of care just went up with these classes" said Gallago. "Right now, we have two staff

that finished paramedic school and we are waiting their certification. We have four more that are going to paramedic school in November. Once we complete the current 99 class we are going to offer it to 85s."

The next project planned is the with the van drivers. They will be trained to become search and rescue teams. Sometime ago, a woman was lost on the reservation and they couldn't find her, there was no official search and rescue team. "They will be trained as a first responder (barely basic care), extrication (being trained in that right now). They are really enthusiastic about it they want to do more. They want to change their name. They have been called Ambulance Program, but now since the program is changing and more professional, they are giving professional care and they have to be licensed in the state of South Dakota they want the name to reflect that and the name Emergency Medical Services will probably happen next year."

"We take about 6,000 calls,

and the state had us at about 1,500, because they weren't getting all of the reports. Now we have corrected that situation because it is mandatory to turn in all of the trip sheets and we turn them into the state. It is really overwhelming, I think we are right up there with Rapid City and Sioux Falls. It's sad, we would rather not have that many."

Gallego praised the employees and said they were pretty wonderful. The program has 60 staff members; dispatchers, office staff, EMT's and supervisors. She has encouraged the staff to take all the training they can. "They are doing a good job, with EMTs the biggest problem is burn-out. We have to keep this place 24/7 and I don't yet have enough employees to keep it running, so there is always somebody that is on overtime."

Part of the burn out is when bad situations occur like car wrecks or gang fights. She said they try to help employees through it, because after awhile it gets to them. "They used to just

talk to each other but because it is hard to handle, because they get right back into the ambulance and go on call after call but still it eats away at them, we look for someone to help debrief. We found one person down at the Employee Assistant Program but she's not always available, so we need additional resources.

Debriefing can be needed for crews at Kyle, Wanblee, Oglala, for somebody at midnight or maybe 3 a.m. "We always try to get them counseling as soon as it happens so they can get it out of their system. She recalled a call in Wanblee, where there was a one car collision and three people died. "One of our people was just coming on shift when it happened. It was her sister and her cousin and her niece. The other ambulance went, but that whole crew had to go to that debriefing, because she is a part of that community. All the EMTs are a part of that community, they are like one big family and they all responded to that call. It hurt them inside. Their hearts hurt, their heads hurt, they couldn't

sleep. We got Carole Herrera to do that debriefing," she said. Carol Herrera is a counselor who is known for work in grief trauma and works for the Casey Family program in Pine Ridge.

"We have saved a lot of lives here," says Gallago. "When I started people didn't believe in me, so it gave me the motivation to do a good job, even after I was made permanent, they advertised the job, and I got it the second time too.

In her year as director, she has reflected a higher standard of operation and performance. She stressed how they have met tribal and state regulations. "We have updated all the protocols, and put together standard operating procedures. These are things that didn't exist before. One of the problems that the program has suffered with has been frequent changes in who sits in the director's chair. No matter what should happen to the director, the procedures will be in place, no matter who sits in my chair, the program should not suffer," she said.

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Oglala warrior retires after 20 years



Oglala Lakota Warrior retires from the Air force and may be the first woman from the tribe to have served for more than 20 years.

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

FT. BRAGG, N.C. - "I did my job and I did it well," Staff Sergeant Teresa Blue Bird said after her Oct. 28 retirement ceremony from "America's Guard of Honor."

Blue Bird, Oglala Lakota, was presented with the Meritorious Service Award when she retired after 20 years of active duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

"The ceremony was very emotional for me because I just spent 20 years of my life working with and for paratroopers," the new retiree said.

Blue Bird grew up in Allen and attended American Horse Day School. After graduation from Marty Indian High School in 1984, she joined the US Army.

She was recognized as an outstanding runner while in the military and mentored many young American Indian soldiers from all over Indian Country.

"It has been one challenging, rewarding and fun career. I hope someday more Lakota women join, she said.

Blue Bird also organized Ft. Bragg's Native American Indian month activities

every November.

"I served my country proudly and represented the Oglala Sioux Tribe very well out there, but also being a woman warrior and I am alive to talk about it," she said.

Blue Bird, the daughter of George and Lenora Blue Bird, recently returned to the Pine Ridge Reservation and participated in the Annual Oglala Nation Wacipi where she was honored.

"When I came back for the annual powwow, it touched me so much when President John Steele presented me with a star blanket and the drum group did an honoring song for me-that I will never forget," she said.

Although she has a lot more to share about a military career that spanned more than 20 years, Blue Bird said she will leave that for another time.

But for now she must adjust to a new regimen, "When I saw all the young soldiers faces marching past us retirees with their M4 Rifles and proudly wearing the red beret, a lump came to my throat because I am starting a new life now."

She said the best part of the ceremony was watching the pass in review and hear-

ing the band play a song titled, "Old Troopers Never Die."

She would like to add, "Paratroopers never die, they just slip away."

Retirement Award presented on Oct. 28 is the Meritorious Service Medal.

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Lakota code talker travels to Washington

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Sept. 21, Clarence Wolf Guts, 80, Oglala Lakota, one of two surviving Sioux WWII Code Talkers, accompanied the National Commander of the American Indian Veteran's Association, Don Loudner, Crow Creek Dakota to Washington D.C.

Wolf Guts and Loudner traveled to the nation's capitol during the Grand Opening Ceremony of the National Museum of the American Indian which is located on the National Mall.

They were invited to give testimony before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to

ask that an American Indian Code Talker Memorial be placed on the grounds of the new National Museum of the American Indian.

"To properly honor the Code Talkers, we should have a public monument on our nation's capital...A symbol of a time when American Indian languages became a powerful weapon in the fight for freedom. My view is that the perfect location for such a monument would be the grounds of the new National Museum of the American Indian," Loudner told the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Loudner of Mitchell and Wolf Guts of Wanblee met with Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) in his Capitol office, where he pre-

sented Wolf Guts with a framed copy of the speech he delivered to Congress in the Lakota language.

Earlier in the summer, Daschle spoke to Congress and asked that they pass the Code Talkers Recognition Act. For the first time in history a document in an American Indian language was entered into the Congressional Record.

"I would like to speak about the extraordinary service of a group of soldiers from two earlier wars. We know these men today as 'the Code Talkers,' Daschle stated in his speech to Congress.

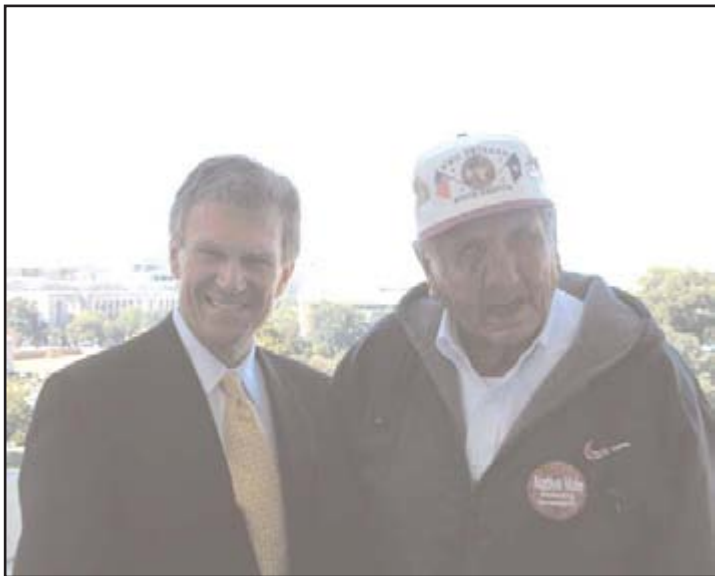
"I strongly believe that Congress should pass the Code Talkers Recognition Act this year to award our Nation's high-

est honor, the Congressional medal, to the Lakota Code Talkers and all Native American Code Talkers who served in both world wars...Let us work together to pass the Code Talkers Recognition Act before we lose any more of these heroes," he continued.

Wolf Guts story was included in the Daschle speech, "Clarence Wolf Guts injiyan nahahcini un, nahan injiya Lakota woiye nahan woglake un okicize ekta wacinuanpi."

"Wolf Guts enlisted in the Army 7 months after Pearl Harbor with his friend and cousin Iver Crow Eagle Sr. During Ranger training in Alabama, an officer discovered

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Clarence Wolf Guts one of two surviving Sioux Code Talkers who stories are recorded in the Congressional Record in the Lakota language.

Blue Legs waste management lawsuit refiled in court

By Ruth Steinberger
Lakota Times Correspondent

PINE RIDGE - The Blue Legs case, a waste management issue that entered federal court in the 1980's, highlights just one of the many economic issues facing reservation tribes.

Oglala Sioux Tribal Attorney, Peter Caposella explained that the case was originally filed by some tribal members living in Wanblee against the BIA, the Indian Health Service, the EPA and the tribe in federal court alleging that all four should be held responsible for upholding federal regulations regarding the management of solid waste sites.

Caposella said that the issue comes down to who is actually responsible for the garbage dumps on the reservation. He said, "The IHS has a history of building solid waste sites as well as water and sewer facilities, and then transferring them



Pine Ridge residents are encouraged to help with waste management. (Photo by Anna Bee)

to the tribes with no funding and no management plan and they often fall into disrepair. So the lack of coordination on the IHS side and the lack of funding by the tribes, results in problems

not just in Pine Ridge, but all over Indian Country."

In 1991, a circuit court of appeals ruled that the tribes, the BIA and the IHS were all equally responsible for the upkeep of

these sites, setting a precedent that applied to solid waste sites on Indian reservations throughout the United States.

Caposella said, "There are all these federal agencies and tribes

pointing the finger at each other for blame, but nobody is actually taking care of things. Now thirteen years later several of the same individuals are expressing concern that the initial court order was not sufficiently complied with. They refiled the case and it is on hold right now."

The OST is currently putting together a time line noting the steps that were taken to comply with the judge's order during a current 90 day holding period.

Peter Caposella said, "The problem is that while Pine Ridge has 40,000 people, making it almost as big as Rapid City population wise, Rapid City will spend millions of dollars on solid waste management, while on Pine Ridge there is no tax base for that kind of funding. Tribes are doing on a shoe-string budget what other communities spend millions of dollars on."

Caposella continued, "The renewed concern by the people who filed the lawsuit, like anything else, adds to the urgency of this issue. At this time we are in a notice period, nothing is actually happening right now,

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Thune win linked to Pennington County

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

RAPID CITY - The fact that people living in the Sacred He Sapa (Black Hills) came out strong to help defeat Senator Tom Daschle should come as no surprise to Indian Country.

Senior Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) said about Daschle in an interview with Tom Casey on KILI radio last week, "This is the one leader in Washington that puts the interests of Native Americans at the top of his priorities."

The fact that there was a lot of publicity on the power of the "Indian Vote" and the fact that candidates from both sides openly acknowledged that power and visited every Indian Reservation in South Dakota did not seem go unnoticed by

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Teresa Blue Bird:

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Wolf Guts:

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the cousins could speak, read and write Lakota. As Mr. Wolf Guts recalls it, that officer 'thought he'd hit the jackpot.'
Clarence Wolf Guts was assigned to travel with a general on the Pacific and Iver Crow Eagle was assigned as a radio operator for a colonel.
For the next three years the cousins jumped from one Pacific Island to the next...They also helped develop a phonetic alphabet based on Lakota that was later used to develop a Lakota Code," the congressional record reads.
Loudner told the Indian Affairs Committee in Sept., "During World War I and World War II, American Indian veterans from at least 18 Indian Nations served the armed forces of the United Sates in a vital and unique capacity."
Loudner said he was afraid the code talkers would be forgotten, "Their work saved the lives of countless other Americans and Allied Forces. These Code Talkers deserve their own pages in the national memory of the great world wars."
The first official use of an American Indian language based on code by military was in 1918, toward the end of World War I.
Altogether, 18 tribes are mentioned as having code talkers during WWII and include:
Choctaw, Comanche, Cheyenne, Cherokee, Chipewewa, Creek, Hopi, Kiowa, Menominee, Muscogee-Sem-

inole, Navajo, Osage, Oneida, Pawnee, Pima-Papago, Sauk and Fox, Sioux (Dakota, Lakota and Nakota dialects) and Winnebago.
During the 77th South Dakota Legislative Session the following Sioux Code Talkers were honored for "their immeasurable contribution to their nation at a time of great need,"
Edmund St. John, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Phillip "Stoney" LaBlanc, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Eddie Eagle Boy, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Guy Rondell, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe
John Bear King, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Walter C. John, Santee Sioux Tribe
Iver Crow Eagle, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Simon Broken Leg, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Charles White Pipe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Baptiste Pumpkinseed, Oglala Sioux Tribe
Clarence Wolf Guts, Oglala Sioux Tribe.
Wolf Guts and Charles White Pipe, who is also mentioned in Daschle's Lakota Speech to Congress are the last surviving Sioux Code Talkers.
"I could have gone (to Washington, D.C.) a long time ago. Why did they do it now? I am old now and all my buddies are dead and gone," Wolf Guts asked.

Blue Legs case:

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but they did refile. At the end of this notice period the tribe will make a demonstration of the progress that has been made and hopefully avoid going to court, and hopefully continue to make progress."
LaCreek District Councilman Craig Dillon said that one problem facing the tribe in this issue is people dumping trash outside of the designated containers. He said some people arrive at the dumpsite and leave the trash on the ground, creating a solid waste management problem for the tribe.
Caposella said, "In Pine Ridge there are eight districts. Some of the sites are in compliance and some have more management issues. The tribe has made a lot of progress, though clearly not quick enough for the families who filed the original lawsuit. Who is to blame? You can blame all of the above. You can blame the EPA for not being more active. You can blame the BIA for not providing the funding, you can blame the IHS for building sites and turning them over to tribes without maintenance or funding plans, you could blame the tribe for not making progress faster, but in many ways it is the old you cannot get blood out of a turnip problem."
During the last 13 years the tribe has taken a number of steps to address the issue. Caposella noted, "The tribe has developed and implemented a solid waste management system, and we are trying to upgrade that system. Clearly this comes from resources the tribe does not have."

Caposella was asked if dumping by individuals is contributing to this issue. He said, "Community members who take pride in their communities...it shows. And community members who take less pride in their communities, that shows as well. Does that weigh in on this lawsuit? Of course it does, some of the sites are in compliance and some are not."
He added, "If everyone goes to a local waste site and throws their trash wherever, that increases the cost of management of that site. This may be compared with the sites where people dump their trash properly in the bins, which reduces the cost. The cooperation the solid waste program has from community members facilitates compliance with the federal regulations for solid waste management that the Blue Legs case is questioning. The tribe, The BIA and the IH S, the the liability falls on them. Because the BIA and the IH S have not provided adequate resources to the tribe for solid waste management, the tribe bears a disproportionate amount of the burden of managing these sites."
Caposella concluded, "Management is easier when community members dump trash where it is supposed to be dumped in garbage bins and the costs of management increases the more that people do not dump trash in the bins. It falls back on the tribe and the tribe does not have the property tax base that communities have off the reservation to deal with this problem."

Analysis: Thune win linked to Pennington County

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those living in He Sapa.
The issue of ownership of He Sapa is still a very hot topic in Indian Country. Questions arose during the recent election whether or not Daschle would introduce to Congress legislation that would return portions of He Sapa to the Great Sioux Nation.
One cannot help but make a connection to that issue of ownership and the strong voter turnout for Thune in Pennington County, a largely Republican stronghold in South Dakota.
According to the South Dakota election results from the South Dakota Secretary of State, 394,930 people voted in the 2004 general election compared to 340,407 in 2002, an increase of 54,523.
In the 2002 general election, Pennington County had a voter turnout of only 65 percent, far below the statewide average of 71.5 percent.
In the 2004 general election, Pennington

County boasted a 79.2 percent voter turnout which exceeded the statewide average turnout of 78.6 percent.
In 2002, 36,131 people cast their vote in Pennington County.
In 2004, 45,453 people cast their vote in Pennington County, an increase of 9,322 which equals 17.9 percent of the overall increase of voters in South Dakota.
A Nov. 4 article in the Rapid City Journal credits Thune with as much as 5,343 of those votes which was calculated from the 59 percent victory of margin Thune enjoyed in Pennington County.
Thune defeated Daschle by 4,534 votes.
Whenever there is an action there is an equal and opposite reaction according to Sir Isaac Newton's third law of physics.
During the 2002 election the strong turnout of Indian Voters is credited with helping Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) defeat Republican John Thune.

Thune came back to challenge Daschle for his seat in this years election and according to a Nov. 3 article in the Argus Leader, Dick Wadhams, Thune's campaign manager the math wasn't difficult to figure out ahead of time when he designed this years campaign.
"We had to do better in Minnehaha County, hold our losses in the James River Valley and blow him away in the Black Hills and Pennington County," Wadhams told the Argus Leader.
But whether it was Wadhams campaign tactics or the issue of ownership of the Black Hills or just outright reaction to the power of the Indian Vote, Pennington County in Sacred He Sapa came out strong to defeat the one of the people on Capitol Hill who speaks out for Indians and the issues that concern them.

Organizations pushed for voter win on Nov. 2

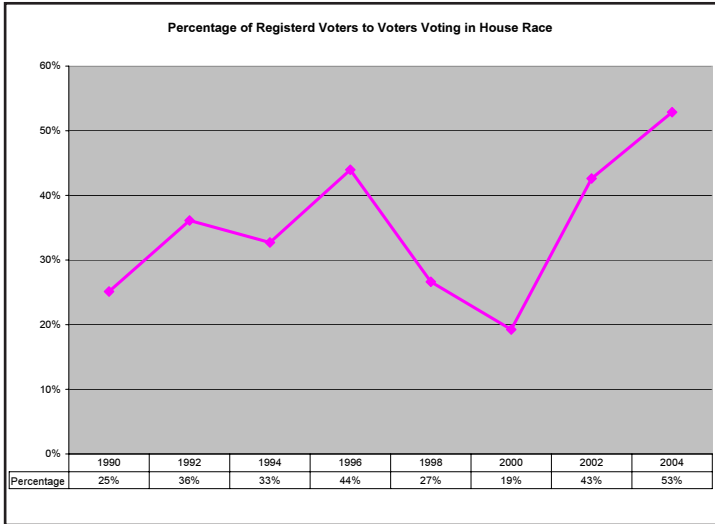
By A.J. LaVine
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE - Winning can be measured in different ways - the total a candidate gets on election day or the increase in voter turn out in Indian Country and seeing Indians empower themselves. On Nov. 2, the atmosphere at Pine Ridge was festive, almost like pow wow time. The four way at Pine Ridge was buzzing with cars and people. The housings at different districts had traditional drum groups, singing to encourage voters to vote. A Lakota version of the way, the public announcement system was used in non-Indian communities. Several non-profit groups had organized to get out the Indian vote in South Dakota. Among them were the Four Directions, and Native Vote.

Four Directions

Four Directions is a privately funded non-profit designed to get out the vote in Indian Country. Prior to the election, they were responsible for approaching the county commissioners in un-organized reservation counties to have a deputy county auditor available several weeks for residence on these counties to vote absentee. Four Directions had personnel organized on four reservations, Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Sisseton-Whapaton, and Yankton, The weeks prior to the election, at the villages of Pine Ridge, Kyle, and Rosebud, drivers were organized to round up voters

and take them to the polls to vote absentee. Several days prior to the election, effort was accelerated and each district on the reservation had community leaders to hire drivers and organize their communities to get the vote out. Four Directions tried very hard to get a local "grassroots" organization that could remain for elections to come. They rented the double wide across from the Boys and Girls Club to head-quarter their efforts on election day.
Attorneys from Jenner and Block Law Firm, Chicago, Illinois, also played a part of Four Directions efforts to help people vote. The firm sent six attorneys to the Pine Ridge Reservation to poll watch and make sure Indian people were treated fairly according to the election code. It was reported that three precincts had issues. Among them were:
Sharp's Corner: The polling place was changed. On Nov 1, Four Directions received a fax from the Fall River/ Shannon County Auditors office of polling places. Workers were dispatched to those locations. Sharps Corner was listed as Rockyford School. When the personnel arrived at the Rockyford School, not all the election board was there. A call to the auditor was made and they were told to go back to the Baptist Church at Sharps Corner. The polling place did not open until 7:45 a.m. due to the lack of information.
Porcupine: The polling place



was again changed from the fax received Nov. 1, from the county auditor. Initially voting was communicated to take place at Porcupine Cap office, and was changed to Porcupine Clinic. Several voters were lost, as they did not have time to vote after they found out where to go. Also, it is estimated that 50 to 60 people showed up at Porcupine to vote and were not registered at Porcupine, they would have to go to Batesland, Sharps or Manderson. Part of the confusion was because the tribal precincts and the state/federal precincts are not the same. Prior to the election Loren "Bat" Pourier approached the Shannon County Commissioners with a request for the polling places for tribal/state/federal elections be held at the same location. Deb Rooks, County Commissioner, strongly opposed the request and the ultimately the request was denied.
Kyle: The local FOX television network was filming voters

inside the polls voting. There was an objection brought forth by the poll watchers. The FOX personnel stated they had the permission of the Tribal Chairman John Steele. Upon a call to Chairman Steele, it was found, he did not give them the permission to film. Lance Russell, States Attorney from Fall River County, also was present, and gave the FOX channel permission to film. President Steele, responded that Mr. Russell has no jurisdiction at the Kyle CAP office over a tribal election, and filming was to stop. By this time, the camera crew felt they had the footage they wanted and left.
Local community leaders held small woplilas for their driving crews in the districts to celebrate the victory they accomplished by getting the Indian Vote out. Following is a chart of the history of voters in state and national elections in Shannon County.

Daschle to drop intimidation suit

PIERRE (AP) - A lawsuit filed by Sen. Tom Daschle that sought to prevent Republican poll watchers from intimidating American Indian voters will be dropped, a spokesman for Daschle said Monday.
"Now that Election Day has come and gone, the issue is moot," said Dan Pfeiffer, deputy campaign manager for Daschle, who lost his bid for a fourth U.S. Senate term last week.
Republican John Thune won the Senate seat with 51 percent of the vote to Daschle's 49 percent.
Daschle asked for a temporary restraining order late on Nov. 1, the day before the election, to prevent Republicans from doing anything that would "harass, intimidate or discourage voters." The Daschle campaign alleged that Republican poll watchers had intimidated Indian voters in Lake Andes, an area that votes heavily Democratic.
After a hearing that lasted into the early morning on Election Day, U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol of Sioux Falls partially granted Daschle's request to limit the activities of Republican poll

watchers.
The temporary restraining order, issued about five hours before polls opened, prohibited GOP poll watchers in Charles Mix County from following Indian voters out of polling places.
It also barred them from taking down the license plate numbers of vehicles that delivered Indian voters to polling places.
Daschle had requested an order for the entire state, but Piersol's order applied only to poll watchers in Charles Mix County.
On Wednesday, Piersol dissolved the restraining order after noting that the election had been completed.
Pfeiffer said the Daschle campaign will ask that the entire lawsuit be dismissed because no further action is needed. The restraining order served its purpose in preventing the intimidation of Indian voters on Election Day, he said.
Dick Wadhams, campaign manager for Thune, had said initially that the court order would be appealed. But Wadhams said Monday the campaign has no interest in appealing because the issue disappeared when the judge dis-

solved the order.
Lawyers have said they doubt Piersol's restraining order sets much of a legal precedent for future elections because it was limited only to certain acts in Charles Mix County.
Pfeiffer said he believes the judge's order sets a precedent for future elections because the

judge found the GOP poll watchers' actions amounted to intimidation of voters.
"It is something that will forever prevent Republicans from engaging in similar tactics in elections to come," Pfeiffer said. "It was a victory for voters across the state."

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Rosebud officers receive national recognition

By Vi Waln
Lakota Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - Two men were recently recognized for their efforts in decreasing the number of injury related automobile accidents at Rosebud. The number of motor vehicle accidents involving injuries on the Rosebud Reservation decreased by two percent in 2004.

Last week, tribal officials recognized Captain Marlin Enno and Lieutenant Steve Guerue for their efforts.

In October, both Guerue and Enno received Certificates of Achievement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Indian Highway Safety Program in Albuquerque, N.M. In addition, at a special lunch held here last week, Charles Red Crow, Chief of Police, presented both officers with Certificates of Appreciation signed by President Charles Colombe on behalf of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Prompting the awards were the following statistics from Rosebud:

(1) driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol/drugs arrests were exceeded during 2004, with a total of 438 DUI arrests,

(2) the number of motor vehicle crashes involving injuries decreased from 251 in 2003 to 246 in 2004, and

(3) the number of motor vehicle crashes involving no injuries increased from 325 in 2003 to 331 in 2004.

Lieutenant Guerue was named the BIA Indian Highway Safety Officer of the Year. A letter from Charles Jaynes, Governor's Representative of the BIA IHSP, stated Guerue's "work during the Click it or Ticket and You Drink & Drive, You Lose national mobilizations and crackdowns was a major contributor to these statistics."

Jaynes also wrote "we firmly believe that it is this kind of effort that will continue to save lives in Indian Country. We know that we have a long way to go, but with continued efforts like yours we are confident that pre-mature death and injury can be prevented on Indian Reservation Roads."

Guerue was also recognized for his work on the "Rosebud Sioux Tribe 2002-04, Sicangu National Highway Safety, Traffic/Crash Information booklet (1st edition)."

This booklet is the first of its kind in Indian Highway Safety and it will serve as a

model program for other Tribes to emulate. The manual will also help Tribes to identify their specific traffic related issues in order to develop strategies to prevent them.

Captain Enno was named the BIA IHSP Project Coordinator of the Year. This achievement was for outstanding performance and supervisory skills under the BIA Alcohol Counter Measures Grant. The effort of highway safety officers to decrease the number of fatalities on the Rosebud Reservation resulting from motor vehicle crashes was made possible through this funding.

Enno was also commended for his supportive efforts and promotion of the Traffic/Crash Information booklet. As Captain of Police, Enno helped foster a project that will serve as a model program for other Tribes to establish.

RST President Colombe stated "the national awards and recognition achieved by these two officers is commendable and says a lot for a program that was in trouble." The program went through a BIA law enforcement review in FY 2004.



Pictured are (L-R): Lieutenant Steve Guerue (2004 BIA Indian Highway Safety Officer of the Year), Captain of Police Marlin Enno (2004 BIA Indian Highway Safety Project Coordinator of the Year), and Chief of Police Charles Red Crow. (Photo by Vi Waln).

The “Indian vote” and the media

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE - In 2002, the "Indian Vote" was credited with giving Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) the win over his Republican opponent John Thune by 524 votes.

In 2004, Thune came back to challenge Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) for his seat in the Senate and the "Indian Vote" received extensive media coverage.

Officials from the American Civil Liberties Union said that in order to counter what many believed was going to be a record turnout of Indian voters; the majority party needed to activate the "Cowboy Vote."

"The dogs are lining up to vote for Daschle," was the recent subject of a GOP flyer that came out just days before the 2004 election.

The response from many in Lakota Country was outrage. Calls poured into local Indian radio stations KILI, KINI and

KLND in protest of what they believed was a racial slur.

Dick Wadhams, Thune's campaign manager who orchestrated the ad said no offense was intended and that the target was the prairie dog problem in western South Dakota.

A call to a local major newspaper for a response to the complaints was met with, "What are we suppose to do about it?"

ACLU didn't discredit the message in the flyer and said it contained the "classic kind of racially appealing messages" that activate the majority white voters.

On Friday Oct. 29, Oglala Sioux Tribal Judge Marina Fast Horse issued a temporary restraining order to prevent GOP workers from "stalking and videotaping" get out the vote workers on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The local media responded to the incident with an article titled "GOP at Pine Ridge, 'We'll be there.'"

Officials from ACLU said that the majority party is not in the business of

prosecuting voter fraud and that media attention to alleged voter fraud was "just the half of it." They said allegations are only intended to activate the majority voters.

On Monday, Oct. 25 an old article titled "Empty Promises" reprinted from the Washington Post appeared on the front page of a local newspaper which discredited President Clinton's 1999 visit to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The article contained false information about a home being occupied by squatters and outdated itself.

One of the individuals mentioned in the article no longer lived in the Wanblee area because his home had burned down last spring.

Again, ACLU officials said this was another typical tactic used to by the majority to discredit minority candidates.

The media is a powerful tool that is utilized in election years to get out voters, but just which voters?

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Emotional ceremony marks dedication to Piestewa

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (AP) - In an emotional ceremony last Thursday that included former prisoners of war Jessica Lynch and Alamogordo native Joseph Hudson, a Bur oak tree was dedicated in honor of Army Spc. Lori Ann Piestewa, who was killed in Iraq.

A plaque in Piestewa's honor and the tree are located outside of a three-story barracks building at White Sands.

Piestewa, 23, of Tuba City, Ariz., was one of four members of the Army's 507th Maintenance Co. that were ambushed by Iraqi soldiers on March 23, 2003, outside of the Iraq city of Nasiriyah.

Although seriously wounded, Piestewa and a sergeant continued to fight Iraqi soldiers. That enabled other soldiers to escape from the Humvee that Piestewa was driving.

"This past two years have been hard," Lynch said as her voice began to crack. "Lori was one of greatest friends I could ask for. She motivated me to make it through the hardest times."

Lynch, 21, who has since retired from the Army, still has to use a cane as a result of wounds she suffered in the ambush. Lynch and Piestewa were especially close. They were roommates when they were stationed with the 507th at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and they were tent mates in Iraq.

Priscilla "Percy" Piestewa, Lori's mother, said Lynch is considered one of the family.

"Jessica had already adopted us long before we fell in love with her," Piestewa said. "Family is a big part of what

this is all about, and that's to share your love with each other. Events like this are good because we don't just remember Lori, but also Jessica, Joseph Hudson, and all the others who continue to serve our country while they're so far away from their families."

Terry Piestewa, Lori's father, added, "We encourage a lot of the families out there that you need to be there for each other - because you never know."

As the Piestewas talked, Lori's 4-year-old daughter, Carla, playfully tugged at Lynch's hand as they stood near the plaque in Lori's memory. Percy and Terry Piestewa smiled at young their granddaughter.

"She's just like her mother, little Lori," Percy Piestewa said. "Carla is just as independent as her mother."

Lori Piestewa's 5-year-old son, Brandon, came over and gave his grandmother a quick hug.

"They know their mother quite well, and we remind them often of her," Percy Piestewa said. "It's important that they understand and appreciate what their mother has done."

Piestewa smiled faintly as she recalled the last e-mail message she received from her daughter shortly before her death.

"Lori said she only had two minutes before she had to move out. She told me not to try to e-mail her back because she had

hot-wired her computer," Piestewa said. "I strongly believe she had a premonition about what was going to happen."

Lori Piestewa, a member of the Hopi tribe, became the first U.S. servicewoman to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She is also the first American Indian woman to die in combat while serving in the U.S. military. Terry Piestewa said ceremonies such as those conducted Thursday have turned out to be a blessing for his family.

"It was hard at first. Because it was so soon after Lori's death we had to get used to it.

"But this is helping us to heal. It helps our grand kids to know more about their mother."

Brig. Gen. Robert J. Reese, White Sands commander, looked toward the eastern peaks of the nearby Organ Mountains and said Thursday was special.

"The Organ Mountains are getting quite a treat today," Reese said. "We have not treated the mountains like that for many, many years."

White Sands spokesman Larry Furrow, who served as master of ceremonies, also became emotional.

"This may be the most magnificent ceremony we've ever had at White Sands," Furrow said. "If you're not proud to be a soldier today, or a former soldier, it'll never happen."

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Getting behind the new president

The elections are over, thank goodness!

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Cecilia is the first woman ever to serve as President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and her election to the office shows how the powerful Lakota women are becoming an influence on the Pine Ridge Reservation. But there is much work to be done and it seems that two years is hardly enough time to get it done.

Perhaps the Oglala Sioux Tribe should look at amending the length of time a president and council serve. How much does it cost to put on an election? We would suppose that it up in the thousands of dollars. If for no other reason than to save money, elections held every four years would be reasonable.

But the main purpose would be to lend a sense of continuity to our elected officials. They can do so much more for the people if they didn't have to start looking toward a new campaign in 18 months after taking office. If we put the right people into office, they need the time to make the connections to bring jobs

and economic development.

Cecilia Fire Thunder has a level head on her shoulders. She displayed this at a press conference in Rapid City last week. She fielded questions with agility and common sense. We were disappointed that more of the non-Indian media did not show up to take advantage of her candor.

But more than that we are disappointed because Cecilia was trying to make a connection with the off reservation media by offering a challenge to them to report on the positive things happening on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations instead of always dwelling on the negative.

The voters of Pine Ridge have spoken and Cecilia has been handed a mandate to follow through on the things she said she will do while campaigning. She will need the backing of a strong and supportive tribal council, the support of all the districts, but most of all, the support of all the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation in order to succeed.

We urge all of the citizens of Pine Ridge to get behind Cecilia, bury your differences and to get on with building a Nation in which we can all take pride.

Disappointed in election

I am disappointed and reflecting on the elections and trying my best to see the bright side of our situation. Senator Daschle needs to hear from us regarding our personal commitment and sense of frustration. We lost a great Senator who represented not only the Native population but all of South Dakota. He did more for South Dakota than the Republicans who preceded him. We now have a Bush puppet who will follow the party line. We will have to remind the Republicans over the next 4 years - "You created this mess, you clean it up!"

We know where the republicans are leading this country. Arlen Spector who won in Pennsylvania is the leading Rep. on the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. In his acceptance speech he said we will now go after the "terrorists" in N.

Korea and Iran, so we can count on Republican Wars #3 & 4. Look how long the Israels have been fighting the terrorist - it will never end. Like Senator Daschle said, Bush failed miserably in diplomacy. With his cowboy mentality, Bush thinks



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

the lives of our young people and other minorities are expendable. They come along and take those young lives like they are nothing. What do they care that we love our children and that we did our best for our families. Like all other Americans we want to see our children grow up, create a decent life for themselves and have families.

Yes, I believe we must defend our country especially when there are "real" threats to us. When did Iraq become that threat.

It is a proven fact that Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11. I was in shock and disbelief when 9/11

happened, and when the terrorist beheaded their prisoners. Like many other Americans I wept and was angry. I could not believe this was happening to the greatest power in the world. Now the situation has escalated and there is no turning back. And it did hit close to home when we lost some of our own.

We can lament on how the situation has turned because of the election. But, we (about half of the US population) must continue to be organized and work with the half of the country that has values beyond their neighbor's sexuality. We can disapprove and be judgmental about other peoples lifestyles but it is so against Lakota values to assume and to tell people what to do with their lives.

After reflecting and being disappointed I am still committed to doing the best I can while I am here. We must continue on the path our great leaders set us on, we must continue to protect our sovereignty and homelands.

The changing of the rules will not make my best any less.

Fly the flag for Veteran's Day

Dear Editor:

We in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs enjoy what I believe is the noblest mission in government - serving and caring for veterans. This Veterans Day, I invite you to join the employees and volunteers at the VA Black Hills Health Care System by showing veterans you care. Fly the flag. Attend your local community's Veterans Day ceremony. Honor the veterans where you work, go to school or worship. Most important of

all, just say thanks - Thank you for my Nation and my liberty!

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Peter P. Henry
Hot Springs, S.D.



Letters

Appreciation for new Lakota Times

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say Wopila to the staff at the Lakota Times for their dedication to "Truth and integrity with Lakota spirit." Today it is very difficult to find an Indian owned newspaper that holds journalism ethics in the highest regard.

Amanda Takes War Bonnet's many years of editorial experience is apparent in the high quality of the stories and guest editorials I have read in the first few issues. In addition, her desire to improve economic conditions for Lakota people is demonstrated by the fact that the Lakota Times is located in Kyle, the heart of the Pine Ridge Reservation. The newspaper provides employment opportunities for Tribal members living both on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations.

The Lakota Times is an Indian-owned community newspaper that was created to defend our rights as Lakota people. I don't see many of the other "Indian" owned newspapers holding the Oyate's right to know in their highest regard. I don't see many of the other Indian owned newspapers printing the fantastic cartoons like the ones created by Sicangu youngster Beaux Beauvais. Our young people have a right to express their creativity and the Lakota Times has given Beaux that opportunity. And how many cartoons with Lakota captions do you see in the other newspapers? This is another example of the creative abilities of our Wakanyeja that the Lakota Times supports.

Furthermore, in my honest opinion, a newspaper loses community focus when it chooses to pad a publication with stories originating from the Associated

Press. Rather than print stories written by Lakota people living on the reservations they choose to print stories written by mostly non-Indian writers working out of offices located far away from the realities of life on the reservation. And this is something that any publication with an AP subscription can do. It is easier, and certainly much cheaper, for a newspaper to run an AP story in their publication than it is to pay an Indian writer living on the reservation to attend an event to write a story.

The next time you buy one of the other Indian owned newspapers please take note of how many AP stories it contains. Certainly some AP stories are of local origin but they are usually the ones that portray the negative aspects of life on the rez. A real Indian reporter can be found pursuing leads to positive stories about the Lakota Oyate. And most of these good stories are happening on the reservation. Real Indian reporters rarely write their stories based on a couple of telephone calls made from their off-reservation offices.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Amanda Takes War Bonnet and her staff and those involved with the Lakota Times for taking a risk in establishing this new venture. Thank you for the Lakota Times, a newspaper that will defend the rights of the Lakota, stand up for the People's right to know, and inform, educate and provide the Lakota People with a forum for their comments without fear of censorship. I encourage you and your staff to keep up the good work!

Vi Waln
St. Francis, S.D.

Voter turnout records results in Indian Country supporting major Democratics

By Tom Katus
Special Editorial to Lakota Times

Candidate Results

Excellent tribal voter registration efforts and al- time turnout records resulted in solid Indian Country vote for major Democratic candidates. As she did statewide, Stephanie Herseth led all major Democratic candidates in Indian Country. She had 68.1 percent in Indian County, compared to her 52.2 percent margin over Larry Diedrich for the US House of Representatives seat. Senator Tom Daschle received 64.4 percent in Indian Country over former Congressman challenger John Thune. Statewide, Daschle lost to Thune by 4,534 votes (49.4 percent to 50.6 percent). In Indian Country, John Kerry defeated President George Bush 62.9 percent to 35 percent. The third party candidates, Nader, Peroutka and Badnarick, combined, received 2.1 percent, only slightly better than their combined state margin of 1.6 percent.

Shannon County (Pine Ridge Reservation) provided the largest margin for all the Democratic candidates of any of South Dakota's counties. Shannon gave Herseth 90 percent, Daschle 87 percent and Kerry 85 percent. Buffalo County (Crow Creek Reservation) was the second highest Democratic producer, with 81 percent each for Herseth and Daschle and 72 percent for Kerry. Todd County (Rosebud Reservation) was the third highest Democratic vote producer with 79 percent for both Herseth and Daschle and 72 percent for Kerry. Begay, the third Congressional candidate who is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, did more than twice as poorly in Indian Country, with only 1.3 percent, compared to his very modest statewide margin of 2.9 percent.

Leadership Role of Tribal Non-Profit / Non-Partisan Organization

While all major candidates and parties had operations in Indian Country, three non-parti-

san/non-profit tribal organizations took collective leadership in tribal voter registration, education and mobilization. United Sioux Tribes Native Vote Project played a significant role in general election registration and mobilization. The Four Directions Committee took the lead in early registration and mobilization during the Primary and Special Congressional Elections in June. They later fought tribal voter suppression, established pre-General Election registration offices on Pine Ridge and Rosebud and led the mobilization efforts on both reservations.

The Northern Plains Tribal Voter Education Project worked closely with both UST and Four Directions, and assisted both in coordinating statewide tribal registration and mobilization efforts. NPTVEP's sponsor, the Rural Ethnic Institute, has sponsored these non-partisan/non-profit efforts continuously for the past twenty years. During the past three years, especially, these efforts have been coordinated with and supported by the sixteen tribal colleges in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Registration

Collectively, these non-partisan/non-profit groups registered a total of 5,134 new voters. This is 19.5 percent of all the new voters registered statewide. It is also the highest Native American registration in any single year since 1996. In 2002, Native American registration accounted for 10.5 percent statewide, and this was increased to 10.6 percent in 2004.

Turnout

Native American turnout was 67.2 percent, compared to statewide turnout of 78.6 percent in 2004. In 2002, these respective percentages were 59.2 percent and 70.9 percent. The 2004 turnout statewide was the second highest in history. The 67.2% Native American turnout is an all-time record. Turnout increased dramatically in the largest Native American

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On the cutting edge of “moral values”

And so the crux of Election 2004 turned on the whims of moral values? How frightening!

Whose morals and values? If God created man in his own image, which image did he use as a pattern? Because those who voted for George W. Bush and John Thune have certain values, are the rest of us expected to adhere to those values?

When the settlers and their armies converged upon the people of the Great Sioux Nation in the late 1800s, they noticed that the Lakota families often consisted of one man and two or more wives. Their Christian values immediately presumed this to be morally wrong. Did they bother to find out why this was a way of life? No, they saw what they believed to be a moral issue and set about to change it to fit their own mores.

If they asked they would have discovered that Indian values determined how the wives and children were cared for in the event of the death of the father. Indians did this because it was a very tough world out there and a woman alone with children would have had a very difficult time surviving.

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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This was not a moral issue to the Indian tribes, but one of necessity. Immoral sex apparently came to the minds of the Christian reformists when they saw an Indian man with more than one wife. If the brother of a man died or was killed in battle, the surviving older brother took in his family as his own. He was thus obligated to feed them and be the teacher of his brother's children. The children were no longer his nieces and nephews, but they became his children. They became brothers and sisters to his children.

The man was the hunter and the provider and he assured the survival of a widow and her children by assuming responsibility for them. Survival not sex was the moral issue here.

But in his infinite wisdom, the white man determined that this was wrong and set about applying laws that would outlaw its practice.

There is a story of a Catholic priest stopping at the lodge of Chief Sitting Bull on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. He saw Sitting Bull seated in a chair near the front door of his lodge with his two wives seated near him. The priest said, "Chief, you know it is immoral for you to have two wives. The bible says it is wrong." Sitting Bull replied, "Here are my two wives. Now you tell them which one must leave this house."

The United States government and their Christian ministers determined that the Sun Dance of the Great Sioux Nation was immoral. Just as a man taking the wife or wives of a slain brother had been a part of the Sioux culture for time immemorial, so had the Sun

Dance. In fact, the Sun Dance was one of the most important spiritual ceremonies of the Lakota People. The sacred Sun Dance of the Lakota was outlawed. Freedom of religion is only for those with the power to set the rules.

The moral values of the United States of America took precedence over the moral values of an Indian nation that had existed for thousands of years. In the space of 40 years, 1860 to 1900, nearly every religious and moral standard of the Lakota people was erased. At least the federal government thought it had eradicated all of these ancient beliefs. They did not count upon the spirit of survival among the Lakota people.

Every effort was made by the President and the Congress of the United States to wipe out a civilization by imposing its moral values over that of the indigenous people. There could not have been a wider difference between cultures and values than that of the Indian people and that of the new comers. "We will civilize you and make Christians of you or kill you in the process" was the edict of the

United States of America toward the indigenous people.

It does not matter if I believe in freedom of choice for women, in same sex marriage, or in stem cell research. There are thousands of Americans who do believe in these issues. It was once said that the most segregated day in the South was Sunday. That was the day when the African American went to their church and the white people went to a separate church to worship the same God.

Perhaps under the new moral values of the Christian right gaming in Indian country will come under scrutiny and the devout will decide that it is not a good thing for Indian people. Once again the values and morals of the majority could crush the moral values of the minority.

In the next four years I am almost sure that the moral values of the new administration will infringe upon the rights and freedoms of all Americans, especially those of the minorities. Indian schools will continue to crumble and the health of the Indian people will continue to deteriorate because of the

lack of money. As billions of dollars are poured into a senseless war in Iraq, the funds allocated to the indigenous people will continue to dwindle. The treaties between the United States and the Indian nations will become more meaningless.

The greatness of a Nation is determined by how it treats its indigenous people. I truly believe that we will see great tarnish upon that greatness over the next four years. The moral values of George W. Bush and those of the newly elected Senator from South Dakota, John Thune, will create a deeply divided America and the impact will be felt doubly in Indian Country.

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Life without Daschle - a contest in Lakota

By Dr. Archie Beauvais
Special Editorial
to Lakota Times

Anpetu nunpa hehan wowasi miglustan, na Sicangu oyanke hectakiya waglayacu. Allen cankogna heciya omani ble. Eyecincela mita wagakape na ata ohankola iyanke wioyanpatakiya etkiya.

Election Day, ca KILI icancola anagoptan maka. Kohan, Senator Tom Daschle gi hogna yupiya

woglake. He wicasa gi Lakota kci ptaya najin nahan ohinni oyate ungitap gi unghaka ob mani. Kola Daschle gi icinunpa le sto "Oyate gi waciniyapi. Wicoti titankatawa ecta eyapo, nahan vote eyap. Hecanu hantast lila wopila hecatelo."

Ehake, Lakota lila ota gi tipi cola unip. Teca ota lehan tiwahe yuhap eyas watohanlsna okansni ins wicota. Sen. Daschle gi ake ocaje oihpeya ca Lakota kci owahokiciyapi nahan tika-ga ota ecunpinkte. Oglala nahan

Sicangu makoce gi doksa anpetu wanji gi tuweni tipi cola unktesni.

A mitakuyepi, hecela epinkpte le anpetu. Wowapioihpeya wana glustanpi nahan Kola Daschle gi ohiesni ca cante ma sice. Ogha tehikitelo. Waniyetu wana uyelo nahan osniktelo!

Ci cike se wowapi le wagage eyas ogha tuweni itokasne. Contest wanji unha kte ca doksa duwa le wowapi ecel apiyakte.

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Voter turnout results:

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county, Shannon, increasing from 44.6 percent in 2002 to the 2004 record of 57.0 percent. However, this was still the lowest turnout of any county in South Dakota. The highest Native American turnout was in Charles Mix County at 82.1 percent.

Food Tax Repeal

During the 2004 session, the SD Legislature passed a law increasing the sales tax on food from 4 to 6 percent. This regressive tax was opposed by a non-partisan coalition of 20 church and non-profit organizations throughout the state. Oglala Lakota College and the Northern Plains Tribal Voter Education Project were two of the coalition partners. They collected more than 25,000 signatures to put the proposed repeal on the ballot as Initiative 1.

With the aggressive support of the Governor, Chambers of Commerce and municipal governments, the proposed repeal was soundly defeated with 67.1 percent opposed statewide. The only counties to support repeal were Shannon (Pine Ridge Indian Reservation) with 68 percent voting YES, and Todd (Rosebud Reservation) with 53 percent voting YES. Overall, Indian Country voted 44.3 percent YES.

Methodology

Using official vote returns from the South Dakota Secretary of State and Pennington County Auditor, the following Reservations (8), Counties (11) and Precincts (5) were analyzed: Cheyenne River (CRST), Dewey and Ziebach; Crow Creek (CCST), Buffalo; Lower Brule (LBST), Lyman; Pine Ridge (OST), Bennett, Jackson and Shannon; Rosebud (RST), Todd; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (SWO) Roberts; Standing Rock (SRST), Corson; Yankton (YST), Charles Mix and Rapid City (Precincts 2-1, 2-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3), Pennington. This aggregate analysis, which also includes approximately one-third non-Indian voters, is as follows:

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Table 1. Registration and Turnout

	2002			2004		
	Registered Voters	Voter Turnout	Percent	Registered Voters	Voter Turnout	Percent
Indian Country	50,385	29,830	59.2%	53,316	35,846	67.2%
Statewide	475,984	337,508	70.9%	502,261	394,930	78.6%

Table 2. Presidential Election Results

	Kerry		Bush		Nader		Peroutka		Badnarick	
	Vote	%	Vote	%	Vote	%	Vote	%	Vote	%
Indian Country	20,225	62.9	11,270	35.0	404	1.3	165	0.5	103	0.3
State-wide	149,225	38.5	232,544	59.9	4,317	1.1	1,106	0.3	964	0.2

Table 3. US Senate and House of Representatives Election Results

	US Senate				US House of Representatives					
	Daschle	Thune	Herseth	Diedrich	Begay					
	Vote	%	Vote	%	Vote	%	Vote	%	Vote	%
Indian Country	34,810	64.4	12,408	35.6	24,715	68.1	11,099	30.6	489	1.3
State-Wide	193,279	49.4	197,813	50.6	207,798	52.2	178,800	45.9	2,806	2.9

Table 4. Food Tax Repeal

	YES (for repeal)	Percent	NO (against repeal)	Percent
Indian Country	14,802	44.3%	18,630	55.7%
Statewide	124,582	32.9%	253,975	67.1%



Walkers were led by the participants carrying an eagle feather staff. They began their four mile trek from Two Strike Community on BIA Route 1 south of Rosebud. The Nov. 5 event was held to promote awareness about diabetes. (Right) Natasha Bordeaux, Public Relations Specialist for the RST Diabetes Prevention Program, reads the proclamation designating November as Diabetes Prevention Month. Also pictured is RST Tribal President Charlie Colombe. (Photos by Vi Waln)

Walk promotes diabetes awareness

By Vi Waln

Lakota Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD - More than 400 people of all ages walked four miles last week to bring about awareness of diabetes on the Rosebud Reservation.

The sky was clear as participants gathered on a chilly morning in the tribal office parking lot where four orange school buses waited to transport them to starting points to the west, north, east and south.

In recognition of November as Diabetes Awareness Month and to bring awareness to the immense toll diabetes has taken on the health of the people on the Rosebud, the walk of prayer and reflection was intended to unite the Sicangu Lakota in their efforts to overcome the diabetes epidemic that threatens the health of the people.

Opening remarks were offered by

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Diabetes Prevention Program Director Connie Brushbreaker. Prayers were offered by Roy Stone, Sr. and Sam Wounded Head. The Sinte Gleska University Drum Group rendered the four directions song.

Each group was led by an Eagle feather staff. The RST Youth Diversion Officers provided an escort for each group. All participants received t-shirts.

Upon completion of the walk a special outdoor ceremony took place at the tribal office. RST President Charles Colombe signed a proclamation designating November 2004 as Diabetes Prevention Month on the Rosebud Reservation.

The proclamation read in part "14.9 percent of American Indians over twenty years of age have diabetes and recent surveys found that nearly half of all youth on the Rosebud are at high

risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Also, the debilitating effect of diabetes has impacted the lives of nearly every family within the Tribe."

"We have a responsibility to make sure that we are as healthy as we can be," Colombe told the walkers and others who had gathered for the ceremony. "In order to stay healthy I walk five days a week. I also do not drink pop nor do I eat French fries. I encourage all of you to do the same."

Also participating in the walk was Virginia Cozad who serves as the Diabetes Educator at the Rosebud Hospital. "Be supportive of family members who are diabetic because it takes a lot of individual effort from these patients [to keep their blood sugar at appropriate levels]," she said. "By the time diabetic patients start dialysis, 85 to 90 percent of their kidney function is already destroyed."

Cozad encouraged people who are

diabetic to "watch your salt intake and walk everyday." Acknowledging that the winter weather of the plains will soon be upon Rosebud, she stated "if you can't get outside to walk then walk around your house for twenty or thirty minutes. But be sure to close the curtains before you do this so the neighbors won't think you have lost your mind!"

Angel Wilson also participated in the four mile walk. She currently serves as a nurse practitioner at the Rosebud Hospital.

Wilson also works closely with RST Diabetes Prevention staff and has organized a steering committee to address diabetes and obesity on the Rosebud Reservation.

The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 16, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Rosebud Hospital Training Room.

Other staff members of the RST

Diabetes Prevention program include: Tonya Whirlwind Soldier, Crystal Wright, Wopila Bad Hand, L.T. Bad Hand, Marc Marshall, Natasha Bordeaux, Alex Whipple, Marcus Chekpa, Rita Broken Leg, Ernestine Eagle Elk, Christine LaPointe, Daina Stone, Ivan Crow Eagle, Dusti Hippen and Stacey Two Eagle.

All participants, guests and tribal employees were served lunch. Sponsoring entities included White River School District, RST Tribal Education Department, Rosebud Educational Society, St. Francis Indian School, RST Police Department, White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, and the Wanbli Wiconi Tipi.

For more information on Diabetes Prevention or to volunteer for the Steering Committee please call program staff at (605) 747-4600.

Fire Thunder accepts challenges of OST president Defines goals and issues

By Anna Bee

Lakota Times Staff Writer

RAPID CITY - "Healing is a real integral part of the next two years and coming together as a nation," began Cecelia Fire Thunder, President Elect of the Oglala Sioux Nation in her first public press conference after her victory over Russell Means.

"It is time for us to promote the education of the youth and all those who have the courage to take a stand and make a difference. It is time to protect our land, culture, language and heritage."

"Our children and youth need to be educated with the right materials and the skills. It is time for Healing of the people, caring for our earth, protecting our knowledge and our children."

"You my relatives, the people of the Oglala Sioux tribe, all of our relatives in the state of South Dakota, we are the answer to the future. We need to reach out, accept each other, and validate our skills and knowledge," said the newly elected leader of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Fire Thunder introduced her two new staff members: Cora Whiting - Assistant and

Vonnie Bush - Executive Secretary and said they would be making the arrangements for the inauguration which she hoped to schedule on a Saturday so that more people could attend.

She further indicated she would check with the newly elected council members to coordinate a date for their swearing in, and hoped that it would be soon, as they had a lot



Cecelia Fire Thunder

of work to do.

When asked about her immediate expectations Fire Thunder said, "For the first 30 days I am going to ask the council to suspend the rules and respond to the mandates of the people."

"The mandate of the Oglala Sioux tribe in all 9 districts is to get the finances in order, which is a very good request. In our tribal council, we need to sit down and get a handle on the finances and give a report to the people, and until we figure out how much we have, how much we have coming in, how much is expected to come in, we can't plan for the future."

When Fire Thunder was asked: 'As the first woman chair of the Oglala Nation do you think you are equal to the challenges?' she quickly replied: "I am not the chair of the Oglala Nation; I was the chair of the Little Wound School Board. I am the President of the Oglala Sioux tribe. The role of the Presidency of the Oglala Sioux tribe is equal that of the President of the United States as a sovereign nation and deserves that respect. I will be scruti-

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Jackie Bird sings to Kyle

By Anna Bee

Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE - Jackie Bird, well known singer to Indian Country, has enhanced her presentation with the addition of her two sons.

Bird, from the Three Affiliated Tribe and Dakota Sioux, came to Kyle last week to entertain high school students and community.

Bird introduced her sons, Gordon, age nine and Sheldon, age eight with an announcement that they will be singing with her on her next new CD release. "The boys are singing with me," she said. Bird will soon be releasing her family CD and also a solo CD. "I have four children, two girls, Jocy, age 18, Randi, age 16 and one new grand daughter," she said.

The boys, Sheldon and Gordon sang with Jackie at the school. "Every song they sing is a prayer song," said Bird. Jackie chose students from the school to drum for her during her hoop dance. "I have to keep the medicine going," says Bird, "I have been traveling all over the world, Australia, Japan, Italy, Hungary, Germany and Canada, besides most every state, visiting schools to contribute good guidance and understanding of traditional values to the youth."

"I have added a fashion show of shawls that I have made," says Bird, "the colors and designs are sacred and have meaning. I have one that is an honoring of Mother Moon, one for the Northern Lights, one for the Buffalo Nation, one for strength, one to honor wojapi, and one for my tukosia." Bird had the shawls displayed by volunteers from the high school audience, then had others wear the shawls and dance while she sang a traditional dance song.

Bird explained to the audience, "The hoops that you see me dance with are significant by their color and where they are positioned. The ones in the west are for the dream keepers, the north is for the buffalo and their strength, and the east is for good guidance and the south for our ancestors. I use green for Mother Earth, blue for the water and the sky, and lavender for spiritual growth and creativity. It is important to honor the four directions and I start each day with a prayer and a request for guidance



Jackie Bird with her two sons at Little Wound School, Sheldon and Gordon. (Photo by Anna Bee)

from them."

"I've come a long way since I was here nine years ago," says Bird. "I remember some of these kids from then. It's sort of like the pebble in the pond effect things have really grown since then, and I have traveled

a long way. Gordon was only three months old then, and now he is singing with me."

Gordon said, "I remember being here - sort of, it was pretty cool then and it hasn't changed much either."

Fire Thunder press conference:

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nized very closely. When you step into the role of a leader you put yourself out there to be attacked. I am ready for that, and as a woman I will be under double scrutiny. Expectations will be higher for me; some people are waiting for me to fail. I will fool them and succeed."

When questioned about research and economic development Fire Thunder reminded people that millions and millions of dollars had already been spent on research. Fire Thunder said: "There is so much research already done on Pine Ridge in terms of what can work and what can't work. We need to revive all of those and bring them to the forefront."

The tribe and other agencies has spent millions of dollars on researching the infrastructure, water...everything. I have read some of those things and they are actually doable. Economic development for many people is about jobs and earning a living to provide for your family. Our reservation has many resources and what we need to do is create a workforce"

One attendee concerned about the tribal court system challenged Fire Thunder over separation of powers. Fire Thunder made her stand perfectly clear when she responded: "Every council member needs to understand that they are legislators. As legislators they have no business interfering in the daily functions of programs in the court."

"One of the reports I read states that because the courts are not as strong as they could be, one of the recommendations is for separation of powers. All that means is that the council stays out of the courts business. The council members need to understand that they are legislators and they have no business messing around with the courts."

"On the other hand," Fire Thunder continued, "the tribe needs to help strengthen the court. To provide them the resources that make sure that we put a system in place that is going to be strong enough to hold people accountable for the crimes they commit and that we have a strong and better system for collecting fines."

Fire Thunder reminded the audience of the largeness and importance of national concerns as President of the Oglala Sioux tribe. "We need to have one person make a commitment to be the person that monitors national judicial issues," she said. "At the national level, the Supreme Court will have two openings for Supreme Court justices. That can change the face of many cases that have been tried."

"We need to have someone monitor national cases so that the tribe can take a real strong position for or against in cases that directly affect our people."

Fire Thunder continued with a reminder why not only Supreme Court justices are important to the tribe, but US attorneys also have a large impact. "There are many unsolved homicides in Pine Ridge. There are families still waiting for closure."

"We need to get the FBI to be more responsive to the crimes committed on Pine Ridge and begin to hold people accountable for taking people's lives. The FBI is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of rapes on our reservation."

"They have not done a very good job. I am not afraid to say that. When we talk about appointments, and United States attorneys we need to create a really good working relationship with those officers because they are responsible for investigation of crimes on the reservation and they have not done a very good job. We have to help change that."

Fire Thunder summarized her approach to being President with the following closing remarks: "I am going to work harder than I ever have in my whole life 10 to 14 hours a day. I'm also asking the tribal council to trust our helpers. Trust the people who run programs know what they are doing. Trust them. You and I should not be running those programs."

Fire Thunder defined district responsibilities, "The district governments need to be strengthened and enhanced. District governments are given resources to help the community members. Let's make sure that the district governments are strengthened so they can do a better job to meet the needs of the people in their district. Every district under the constitution has the capability to strengthen its infrastructure and bring jobs to the community."

As to the role of president and the tribe she said, "The role of the Oglala Sioux Tribe is not to create jobs but to find resources to help the community create economic development, small businesses and to help people find a way to work. Our job is to protect the boundaries of our reservation, to ensure the treaty obligations, health care, water, land. Our job is finding the resources to help the community."



Last week, several drum groups, including the Porcupine Singers traveled through the Pine Ridge districts singing and reminding people to vote.

Lakota Express had local and national impact on Get Out To Vote

By A.J. LaVine
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE - The Lakota Express, a full customer service provider in Kyle played a role in the voter turn out in Indian Country. The Tom Daschle campaign rented a phone bank from Lakota Express and used the phone for "get out to vote."

Kim Tielsen coordinated the Daschle phone bank. "I had a great team," Tielsen said. They made more than 1,000 calls, identified voters and then coordinated rides to the polls."

The National Native Voice also contracted the local firms services with the Navajo "get out the vote" campaign. Lakota Express received 28,000 phone numbers to call between Friday and Tuesday until the polls closed. Lakota

Express was able to contact 22,000 of the numbers before the deadline. Mark Tielsen spokesperson for Lakota Express said, "It was really neat to have the National Native Voice contact our Indian firm to do this campaign. They wanted Indians to call Indians. Only twenty-five percent of Navajo's have phones, so when we called we asked them to contact their extended family and neighbors that we may not be able to reach. This took a little longer, but seemed to be effective." He goes on to say, "I was really proud of our Lakota young people that stepped up to the plate to get the vote out in the Southwest. They worked through the week-end, 12 hour days. This demonstrates our capacity to use technology and our valuable human resource."

Lakota Express also designed a web page at the lakotamall.com site that posted hourly voter turn out by precinct.

Anne Hunter, of Lakota Express designed the page and reports more than 27,000 hits on election day.

Other Lakota Express personnel took vacation on Election Day and volunteered for the get out the vote in Indian country. Among the volunteers were Nick and Mark Tielsen who volunteered to help at KILI radio station. Tom Casey, General Manager at KILI Radio of Porcupine was busy with local, and nationally recognized leaders calling into encourage people to vote. KILI radio continues to be recognized as a leader in communications at all levels of government.

Featured films show events at Wounded Knee

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - The 29th annual American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco featured two new movies that tell the story of events at Wounded Knee.

"Ghost Riders," a documentary on the annual Big Foot Memorial Ride commemorating the 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee, is directed by V. Blackhawk Aamodt and narrated by Benjamin Bratt.

"A Tattoo on My Heart," a documentary about the 30th anniversary of the 1973 Wounded Knee occupation, is directed by Rapid City lawyer Charles Abourezk and Brett Lawlor.

"It's good for the film to get some recognition of some sort," Abourezk said of "A Tattoo on My Heart."

"More important is the contact at film festivals. A lot of TV people and movie production companies will be there at the festival looking for products to purchase."

The documentary has also

been submitted for entry into the Sundance Film Festival in January. Both films were shown at the festival on Saturday.

"Ghost Riders" is the third documentary on the Big Foot ride to be shown at the festival, according to Michael Smith, founder and director of the American Indian Film Institute.

The memorial ride began in 1986 when Birgil Kills Straight and four other Lakota riders decided to follow the December 1890 trek across South Dakota taken by Minneconju leader Big Foot and his followers.

They fled the Standing Rock reservation when Sitting Bull was arrested and killed and had hoped to spend the winter in safety with the Oglalas in the Badlands. They were intercepted by the Seventh Cavalry outside Wounded Knee, and about 300 were massacred when the encounter erupted into violence.

"This film has a lot of emphasis on how the ride is put together. Our jury found that very intriguing, how it comes together


and the support the riders have back there," Smith said.

"A Tattoo on My Heart" is a series of recollections of participants in the 1973 occupation who returned to attend the 30th anniversary celebration in January 2003.

"We decided to interview those people who were still interested enough to show up at the 30th anniversary," Abourezk said. "We did not interview anybody who would be considered American Indian Movement leadership, and we did not interview people on the government side in this first documentary, although we have considered doing additional segments in the future."

"We just thought we were interested in hearing the voices of those everyday people who decided to be involved in Wounded Knee: what moved them to take that risk and make the sacrifices they did."


Abourezk's father, former U.S. Sen. James Abourezk, helped resolve the Wounded Knee standoff and held Senate hearings on it.



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Psychic Intuitive

Ask Anna will be a weekly column appearing in the *Lakota Times*. Questions can be submitted to the Lakota Times through fax 455-1870, or email lakota1868@gwtc.net, mailed to Lakota Times, Box 406, Kyle, S.D. 57752 or brought into the office.

Dear Anna:

Is my boy going to complete school?

K.S. in Kyle

Dear K.S.:

Although things are looking rough, there is no reason to fear. Your son is having a tough time adjusting to different life changes, but has no reason to become less than his own dream. He will graduate, leave home, go and work in another city, come back home and go to school again. It's all just a matter of time.

Dear Anna:

I have a son that I am proud of. He is a good kid and works hard in school. He also gets some pretty positive recognition in sports. His father, who lives close by, hasn't taken much interest in him, but spends loads of time with his other children. I am afraid that my son feels left out and less-than because his father just isn't there for him. Is there something that I can do to change things or help my son?

Mother of a good kid in Pine Ridge

Dear Mother:

There is some validity to your concern. Your son is pretty happy in his life, and enjoys his friends and their homes. His good behavior may also be somewhat motivated by the desire to receive recognition from his father. What I see here however, is that your son really understands his father intends him no harm. He just sort of accepts that is how things are. I feel that the father here does not pay much attention to your son because he feels that his other children may be in greater need. He feels that your son has many advantages that his other children do not have. No excuses though, nobody ever can replace the attention of a father. We all need that connection. You are doing well with your son. Your individualized support has helped him, and your open discussions without anger or accusation towards his father also help him. Don't worry too much, because in a few years, as your son graduates from high school and moves into his adult years the two men; son and father, will become better friends.

Dear Anna:

My boyfriend and I are having a real tough time. He is spending way more time with his friends or almost anywhere else but with me. Recently I discovered I am pregnant, and although my boyfriend says he is happy about that, he is not around very much and when he is he makes excuses and I get

upset. I want a nice home and a good husband to help me raise my baby. How can I make him realize that he is missing something very special?

Broken Hearted in Rosebud
Dear Broken Hearted:

I would like to tell you that everything will work out the way you want, but it won't. That doesn't mean it won't work out, it just is that this guy is not who you really need or want in your life. He does care about you (in his own way), and under other circumstances, perhaps you could have spent more time together - for a while. He is NOT THE ONE. He is the father of your baby (as I put it, that is in Divine Order - and the Creator's choice), but he has too many differences from you to make the relationship successful. Make the best of this, release yourself from false hope, quit trying to make him into something he is not, understand that it is not you; it is that you and he are not a good mix. Make a good plan for the future. I see you returning to school, getting your degree in business, and utilizing your skills in the future to create marketing plans for business. You are artistic; let that rule your life. It is where you find joy. Let this guy go. The real one, the best of them, comes along in about two years. You can make it, you have family and they will help you. You wouldn't create the dream with the father of your baby; instead, you would create the nightmare.

Dear Anna:

I have a new man who has just appeared in my life. He is also my old man. We have been apart for a few years and I have been with someone else and so has he. He recently called and said he was coming back to SD because I have strong medicine. My heart always beats fast when I talk with him, and I have always remained a good friend to him. Is this too good to be true? Can I trust him? Will he leave me again?

Dazed and Confused in Martin

Dear Dazed:

He had to grow up and learn to appreciate you. I see him as your true soul mate. Don't let this mislead you into thinking that it will be easy. A soul mate is your balance and your true life mate if you can work together to achieve mutual growth. He is sincere, and he has finally figured out the truth: He loves you. You have to give up your jealousy and trust that you would not make any decision that would hurt you or him. Good Luck

Dear Anna:

I have been seeing this man for a year. We spend lots and lots of time together and I care a lot about him but he still hasn't made any sort of commitment to me in a way that leads me to think we have a future together. He is emotionally distant, but

Aaron DuBray receives honor

ALLEN - Aaron DuBray, a senior at Little Wound High School has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. Aaron's Lakota name is Wanbli Gloglepi and he is the son of Steve DuBray, Sr. and Lolita Attack Him of Allen. Aaron is the Student Body President at Little Wound High School, participates in Oral Interp and has completed his fifth year in the Indians into Medicine Summer classes at Oglala Lakota College through the early entry program. Aaron plans on attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Fords, N.D. as a pre-med student. Aaron is the son of Steve and Lolita Dubray.



Aaron Dubray

Diabetes Health Fair to give away free turkeys in scavenger hunt

KYLE - On Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be a Diabetes Health Fair at the Kyle IHS Clinic. There will be a scavenger hunt and two lucky winners will receive two complete Thanksgiving meals including turkey, dressing, potatoes, pie and more. Everyone is welcome. Call the Kyle Health Center for more information at 455-2451.

VA Black Hills Hosts Tenth Annual Powwow Nov. 10

HOT SPRINGS - The Department of Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System will host its tenth annual pow wow on Nov.10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hot Springs VA Medical Center Domiciliary.

"The powwow is a wonderful social event that encourages community involvement and participation in learning more about our Native American culture," said Sharyn Richards, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator for the Hot Springs VA Medical Center. "Included in this educational process is our desire to better understand the unique health care needs and issues facing Native American veterans so as to continually improve our services to them."

The powwow features several area performing dance clubs: "Tatuye Topa (Four Winds) High School Dance Club, Little Wound School - Kyle

"Tasunka Wamni Omni Dance Club, Pine Ridge Elementary School - Pine Ridge

"Tiospaya Oyate Wacipi, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Rapid City

"Red Cloud Dance Club, Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge

"Pahin Sinte Owayawa Dance Club, Porcupine

The Host Drum will be Oyate Teca from Pine Ridge.

A meal will be served to all participants at 1 p.m. in the Domiciliary Dining Room.

VA Black Hills currently has several outreach clinics and transportation programs for Native American veterans and also sponsors an intertribal color guard. Sweats and talking circles are periodically held for patients, and a Native American Advisory Council comprised of tribal veterans organization members and VA Black Hills staff meets quarterly.

doesn't like it if I talk or even look at any other man. Do you think this is worth my time?

Wondering in Pine Ridge

Dear Wondering:

Time as somebody famous once said, is relative and so is the value of it. I don't see you doing anything else right now and I feel that your own complacency has taken hold. Your own concern about hurting his feelings has left you in a powerless state. You are a powerful woman and can go forward if you want to, so since you haven't I see that you really don't want to. I know that you are waiting for him to find the intensity within him. Just sit tight, when it is really over it will end, until then, relax and learn about yourself.



Fred F. 'Budger' Brewer

PINE RIDGE - Fred F. "Budger" Brewer, 63, Pine Ridge, died Saturday, Oct. 30, , at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include four sons, Greg Brewer, Pine Ridge, and Michael Brewer, Tyrell Brewer and Anthony Brewer, all of Manderson; two daughters, Connie Cook, El Paso, Texas, and Tracy Brewer, Phoenix; his mother, Laura Brewer, Omaha, Neb.; three brothers, Tom Brewer, Rapid City, Everette "Gabby" Brewer, Pine Ridge, and Willard Brewer, Denver; one sister, Elena Dameron, Omaha; and 11 grandchildren. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Cremation memorial services were held in a private ceremony. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Dean Matthew Soft Sr.

MCLAUGHLIN - Dean Matthew Soft Sr., 36, McLaughlin, died Sunday, Oct. 31, due to injuries received in an automobile accident. A wake service was held Friday, Nov. 5, at Founding Mothers Gym in McLaughlin. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the gym, with the Rev. Leslie Campbell,

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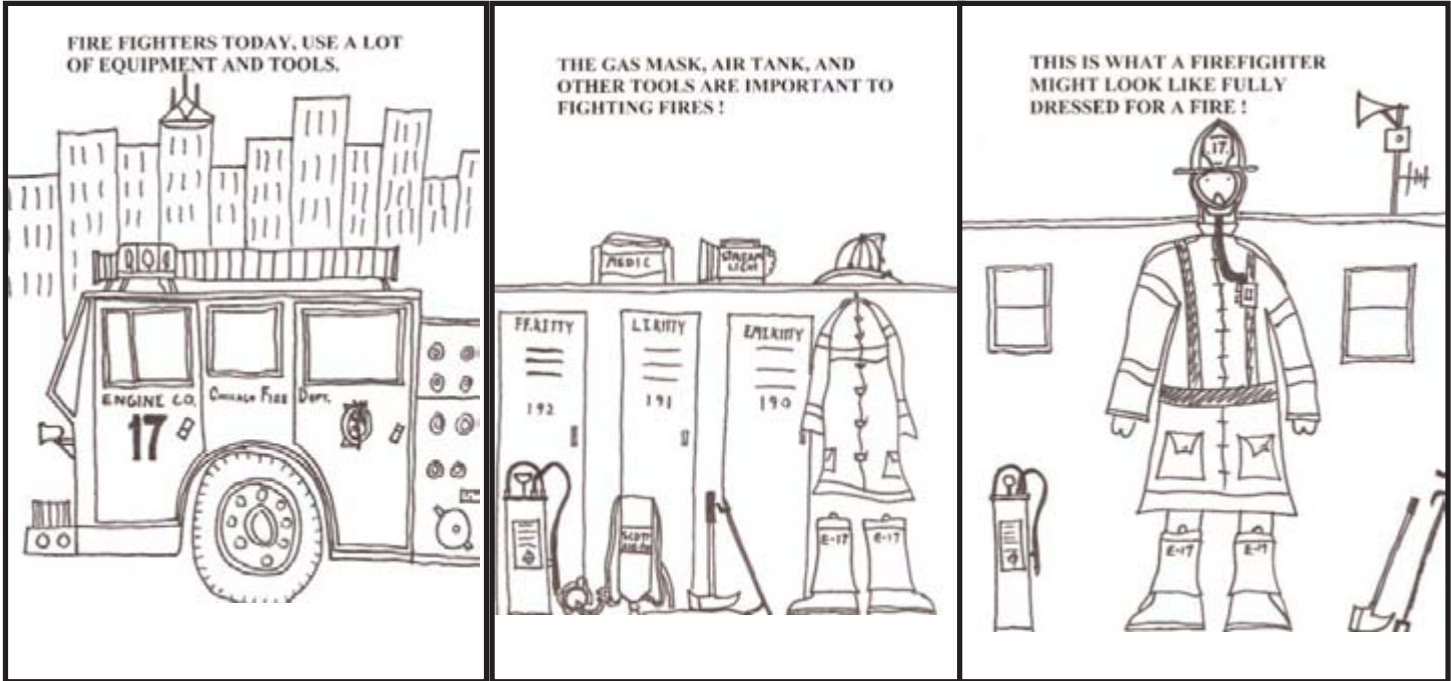
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that shows up in a pregnancy is called gestational diabetes. Studies show that many women with gestational diabetes will develop type 2 diabetes later in life. Pregnant AL/AN women with type 2 diabetes are at an increase risk of having babies born with birth defects. Check with Native Women's Health and educate yourself while pregnant or if you're planning to become pregnant.

The Rez Firefighter (Peta Unsniyapi)

By Beaux Beauvais



Student perfect attendance at Little Wound Elementary is up

KYLE - Little Wound Elementary School has ended their first quarter with a high average of perfect attendance. Sharei Mousseau, elementary principal, gives credit to the parents of the students and congratulations the students for the achievement.

- Kindergarten
Kdg. - Norma Brown Bull
1. Chantee Ferguson
2. Kylie Valandra

- Kdg. - Eunice Levaldo
1. Jesse Red Feather
2. Tamyarunning Hawk
3. Jayden Richards

- Kdg. - Sandi Gulbranson
1. Michael Richards
2. Kieran
3. Takes War Bonnett
3. Brent Tallman

- First Grade
1st - Christi Fugier
1. Tianna Christensen
2. Shania FeatherEarring
3. Amanda Iron Rope
4. Morgan Mesteth
5. Nadine Montes
6. Paulina Shangreaux
7. Jacob Sorbel
8. Marriisa Zimiga

- 1st Grade - Loretta Giago
1. Geena Janis
2. Terrell Janis
3. Alannah Mesteth
4. Mahpiya Menard
5. Ethan Running Shield

- 1st - Avis Monroe
1. Tristen Ferguson
2. Jeremiah Hopkins
3. Jared Richards

- Second Grade
2nd - Norma Ceron
1. Gail Janis
2. Lacey Good Eagle
3. Shaun Richards
4. Nicholas Reddest
5. Nathaniel Brown Bull

- 2nd - Theresa Ferguson
1. Johnny Ferguson
2. Montessia Iron Heart
3. Brylee Red Owl
4. Kessa Valandra
5. Cody Janis
6. Ariana Red Feather
7. Chelsea Hunter
8. Jheaton Old Horse
9. Georgiann Tallman

- 2nd - Matilda Montileaux
1. Teal Brave Bird
2. Sharifah Ferguson
3. Edwin Fire Thunder
4. Shantay Janis
5. Taylor Mesteth
6. Holly Mousseaux
7. Shaylynn Old Horse
8. Harold Red Owl
9. Shilo Tallman

- Third Grade
3rd - Sharon Hubbard
1. Cody Cedar Face
2. Tyler Cuny
3. Warren Rodriguez
4. Tiana Featherman
5. Kiona Gay

6. Clay Loafer
7. Joshua Richards
8. Phillip Zimiga

- 3rd - Rose White Face
1. Christine Richards
2. Rikki Randall
3. Carlos Randall

- 3rd - Sharon Simmons
1. Sabian Hernandez
2. Shayla Janis
3. Liberty Joe Morgan

- Fourth Grade
4th - Grady Brunsch
1. Frances Around Him
2. Christa Cuny
3. Alisha Ferguson
4. Adam Poor Bear
5. Trenton Janis
6. Trevor Brave Bird
7. Chad
8. Shot With Arrow
8. Dylan Shangreaux

- 4th - Jennifer Fox
1. Caesar Fire Thunder
2. Danielle Mesteth
3. Kelcie Old Horse
4. Loren Ashley
5. Sarah Shangreaux
6. Tanner Running Hawk
7. Tara Iron Quill
8. Tressa Featherman

- 4th - Linda Nelson
1. Contessa Vasquez
2. Ebert Long Soldier

- Fifth Grade
5th - Wayne Fox
1. Alanna Brown Bull
2. Gracee Morgan
3. Marlee Randall

- 5th - Donna Randall
1. Kristen Clifford
2. Angel Old Horse
3. Mitchell Gay
4. Wilma Watkins
5. DarianRespects
Nothing

- 5th - Clara Whipple
1. Scott Brown Bull
2. Holly Clifford
3. Craig Goodlow
4. Brandon Mesteth
5. Martina Old Horse
6. Alaina Clifford
7. Wilma Watkins

- Sixth Grade
6th - Patty Apple
1. Daniel Brave Heart
2. Harley Ferguson
3. Talisha Goodlow
4. Kevin Hunter
5. Ryan Running Shield

- 6th - Dianna Boyd
1. Kirby Pay Pay
2. Kylee Hunter
3. Sheldon Garnette
4. William Bush

- 6th - Marlene Kills Warrior
1. Charnelle Two crow
2. Jared Gay
3. Monty Fire Thunder

Red Cloud Middle School honor roll listed

PINE RIDGE - The Red Cloud Middle School has recently announced students on the honor and students who have had perfect attendance.

Gold Honor Roll: 3.50 - 4.00

- Melissa Shoulders
Amanda Cordova
Danielle Locust
Jacob Vocu
AubreeRunning Hawk
Dane Arredondo
Raven Gray
Deandra McLaughlin
David Means
Jeremiah Two Bulls
Devin Arredondo
Ben Ritz

Tayler Morgan
Silver Honor Roll: 3.00 - 3.49

- Charity Wilson
Jennifer Brave Heart
Morgan Pourier
David Arrendondo
Nicolette Looks Twice
Alice Jack
Laree Pourier
Jacey Twiss
Shontel Swallow
Sarah Herman
Codi Young
Shelby McGhee
Frank Sioux Bob
Alexandra Merdanian
Robert Afraid of Bear
Robert Hernandez
Talia Lawrence

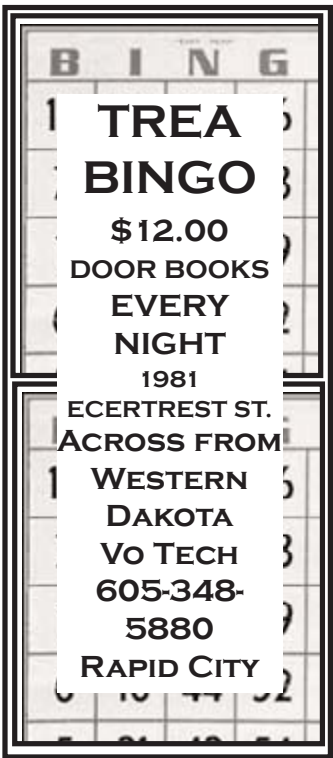
Mariah Weston
Daniel Clements
Jordan Wilson
Carlee DeWolf
Monica Tibbits
Austin Starr

Perfect Attendance:

- David Arredondo
Michael Carlow
Danielle Locust
Charity Wilson
Dane Arrendondo
Dustin Brewer
Kashmir Bettelyon
Robert Hernandez
Frank Sioux Bob
Tori Lessert
Ben Ritz
Taryn Running Hawk

Little Wound Middle School first quarter honor roll listed

KYLE - Little Wound Middle School recently announced their first quarter honor roll.		Cole Hunter 3.2 Shanay Janis 3.2 Breanna Lamont 3.2 Tawni Shot With Arrow 3.0 Grade 7 7-1 Kirsten Clifford 3.8 Sydnee Ferguson 3.8 Wiyaka McNiel 3.8 Tara One Horn 3.8 Eric Rojas 3.4 Raquel Hunter 3.0 7-2 Karen Zirkle 3.0 7-3 Jiame No Neck 3.5 Cesi Pay Pay 3.0 7-4 Montana Sierra 3.8 John Richards 3.8 Carly Randall 3.8 Jhacie Long Soldier 3.4 Kaitlyn Brave Eagle 3.2 Kanisha Rooks 3.2
Grade 8		
8-1		
Lacosta Bad Wound	3.8	
Tyler Dubray	3.8	
Trin In The Woods	3.6	
Billie Jo One Horn	3.6	
Janine Iron Quill	3.6	
Raylene Briggs	3.0	
Jacey Mesteth	3.0	
8-2		
Joseph Chief Bear	3.4	
Dusty Kills Straight	3.0	
Miles Makes Good	3.0	
8-3		
Steven Hunter	3.7	
Kateri Few Tails	3.0	
Charisse Red Owl	3.0	
8-4		
Sadia Malik	3.8	
Shannon Whiting	3.6	
Annisia Around Him	3.4	
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and grandpas!

Your little smile brings happiness to
our lives, for we love you very
much!

Wear your cowboy hat and boots
proudly Tate.

Jason, thank you for being so kind,
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With all my love, Jenn

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For a copy of the job description and/or application, contact Cindy Wheeler, Program Director, P.O. Box 325, Porcupine, SD 57772. Phone: 605-867-2883, Cell phone 605-441-2369 or email: cwheeler@gwtc.net.

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SOUP RECIPES - as the cooler fall weather sets in, these soup recipes will warm your home with a fragrance and your tummy with a great taste. Hope you enjoy.

This recipe is easy even if you are not a cook. And GOOD!

ALMOST Home Made Chicken Noodle Soup

- 1 Package Wyler's Chicken Noodle Soup Starter
- 2 Cans Chicken Meat
- 1 Large Chicken Broth (Swansons in the box)

1 Package Grandma's Homemade Frozen Noodles

In large crock-pot or soup kettle, add 1st three ingredients. Stir, and simmer for 2 or more hours. One half hour before serving: Microwave frozen noodles for 30-60 seconds and add a few at a time so they don't clump up.

This has a little variation to a regular potato soup and is more hearty and delicious.

Potato Ham Soup

- 5 Pounds potatoes cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 thick slice of cooked ham-cut into small pieces
- 1 stick butter
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 cup half and half
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Place the potatoes in a large pot and add enough water to just cover the potatoes (too much water will make the soup too thin). Cover and bring to a boil, then uncovered and cook over medium-high heat for 20 minutes.

Reduce the heat and add the ham and butter. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Over low heat, add the half and half and sour cream; keep warm over low heat until serving time.

On a cold winter day, this old fashion recipe hits the spot. It has a couple of variations to the traditional

recipe that makes it different and good.

Old Fashion Bean Soup

- 2 pounds navy beans
- 4 quarts water
- 1 1/2 pound ham hocks
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped salt and pepper

Rinse the beans in hot water. Place them in a stock-pot, add the water, and bring to boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 3 hours. Meanwhile, simmer the ham hocks in a large pot of water for 3 hours. Heat the butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Sauté the onions until lightly browned.

Add the onion to the pot of beans. Remove two cups of the bean mixture, puree in a blender, or mash with a potato masher. Remove the ham hocks, and break down

slightly with a knife, removing any bone. Add to soup mixture. Just before serving, season the soup with salt and pepper to taste.

This has a lot of ingredients AND IS WORTH IT!

Taco Soup

- 2 pounds hamburger
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 2-15 1/2 ounce cans of kidney beans or canned black beans
- 2- 15 1/2 ounce cans pinto beans
- 1- can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1- 14 1/2- ounce can Mexican tomatoes
- 1- 14 1/2 -ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1- 14 1/2 - ounce can tomatoes with chilies
- 2- 4 1/2 -ounce cans diced green chilies
- 1 small can black olives, drained and sliced (optional)

1/2 cup green olives, sliced (optional)

1- 1 1/4 -ounce package taco seasoning mix

1- 1-ounce package hidden Valley Original Ranch salad dressing mix

- Corn Chips
- Sour Cream
- Grated Cheese
- Chopped Onions

Brown the ground beef and onions in a large skillet; drain the excess fat, then transfer the browned beef and onions to a large crock-pot or a soup pot. Add the beans, corn, tomatoes, chilies, olives, and seasonings, and cook on low setting all day (6 to 8 hours) if using a crockpot, or simmer over low heat for about 1 hour in a stockpot on the stove.

To serve, place a few corn chips in each bowl and ladle soup over them. Top with sour cream, cheese and onions.

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Chadron resident seeks to cash in on beer profit

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

RUSHVILLE, Neb. — The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners were challenged by Winnebago Tribal Member Frank LaMere to consider their moral values before making a decision to accept a fourth liquor license request in the town of White Clay, Neb.

More than 20 people attended a public hearing at the Sheridan County Courthouse in Rushville to voice their concerns over the license request made by Thomas Bernard of Chadron.

"I challenge all of you to consider the issue of moral values that got people to the polls during the recent election," LaMere said. "We're all better than this—better than allowing what is going on in White Clay to continue."

Although the county commissioners do not make the final decision on the liquor license request, they do make recommendations to the Nebraska Liquor License



Thomas Bernard



Frank LaMere

Commission.

A decision on whether or not to make a recommendation will be made on Monday, Nov. 22 at

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Three year old Sophia One Horn waits for heart

Family needs financial help

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — Sophia Kay One Horn, born Oct. 21, 2001 is a happy, friendly little girl, whose puppy "Doggie" is staying with her aunt Carmelita Mesteth in Kyle. Sophia's father, Sam One Horn, dials the phone from the hospital room in Ann Arbor, Mich. so that Sophia can talk with her auntie and ask after her dog.

"Sophia has two sisters," says Carmelita. "Samantha (age 18) is with her parents and Sophia in Michigan and Savannah (age 17) is in Rapid going to school. Sophia, the last time I talked with her, was asking for "Nanner," because she misses her."

Sophia's parents, Sam and Elizabeth One Horn, residents of Kyle, are staying at the hospital with Sophia, praying and waiting for a heart for their daughter. Sophia was born with a congenital heart defect and is waiting for a donor. Sophia has already at her young age

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Sophia One Horn and "Dora" in her Michigan Hospital room

RST fire fighters to help reduce fire risks in He Sapa

CUSTER — Rosebud Sioux firefighters, a Rosebud Sioux Tribe entity, will be able to lend a hand to reduce severe fires on the Black Hills National Forest, thanks to an agreement between the Forest and the tribe.

In the participating agreement, the tribe will provide at least one fully self-sufficient 20-person crew to reduce hazardous fuels on 1,000 acres of public forest land between now and Sept. 30, 2005. The crew will be self sufficient including their own equipment.

The tribe will use the work agreement to further educate and advance tribal members' skills. In addition, the tribe's efforts will contribute to the Forest's protection and public welfare.

In return for its work, the tribe will earn up to \$250,000 or 60 percent of actual expenses incurred. Fuel-reduction tasks will include thinning and hand piling as well as assisting with prescribed fires.

Larry Farmer, a 19-year firefighter veteran and manager of the crew, said, "All the firefighting technology available can't make up for lowering the catastrophic fire risk." Farmer said he plans to



Back Row: Pierre Blue Thunder, Cameron Hunts Horse, Dustin Scott, Randy Lowe, Carl Shockey Jr., John Menard, Ben Willcuts, Front Row: Larry Farmer, Mike Flood, Lee Shot With Two Arrows, President Charlie Colombe, Joe Black Spotted Horse, Frank Kills In Water. Not Pictured: Edward Menard, Troy McCloskey, Tyronne White Lance, Michelle Spotted Elk (EMT), Mike Walking Bull, Richard Young, Pete Knife and Dustin Delorme. (Photo courtesy Larry Farmer)

develop trained crews in all aspects of Forest Service work.

Farmer said the first crew is ready and this crew will be the first of several. They are working on developing additional crews. The first day of work for the crew will be Nov. 29. He said they have several trainers on the reservation that work with the crew, including himself, Dave Halmi and James Two Charger.

RST President Charles C. Colombe offered administrative support to help put additional agreements in place. "The Rosebud Sioux firefighters are working to preserve and protect the sacred place of our origin. They are a connection between today and the ancestors who walked these trails and lived in the Paha Sapa (Black Hills)," said Colombe. "They are also a bridge

toward the future for employment, tribal and personal economies, and partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service."

Forest officials are pleased to have the help of the Rosebud Tribe. "This partnership is exciting. This agreement and others in the future will increase our ability to complete more fuel-reduction projects," said Brad Exton, acting forest supervisor.

Complaint filed against OST election board

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
and Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writers

PINE RIDGE — An election race that received national attention may once again be in the lime light.

On Nov. 2, Cecelia Fire Thunder, 58, prevailed over her opponent, Indian Activist and Actor Russell Means, 68, to become the first woman president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

But according to Means, it was an illegal election because Fire Thunder from Martin does not live within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

"I have entered a complaint with the Bureau of Indian Affairs contesting the election. At the same time, Dwayne Martin Sr. and Carla Jumping Bull as class representatives of the voters petitioned the appeals court to invalidate the election based on the residency requirements which were over looked by the election board," Means said.

"I officially notified the BIA as did Dwayne Martin Sr. and Carla Jumping Bull. They also put in an identical complaint. This was drawn up by my law firm, the Red Cloud Law Firm, backing these challenges," he continued.

Means said he requested on his behalf and on behalf of all citizens of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, that Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs refuse to certify the 2004 election because "it is legally deficient and in opposition to the applicable OST tribal ordinances the OST Constitution and the Indian Civil Rights Act."

The complaint filed by Means states:

"1. The OST tribal council appointed an election board to oversee the 2004 tribal elections.

2. The election board is required to ensure the election



Russell Means



Cecelia Fire Thunder

process and that all candidates comply applicable tribal ordinances and constitutional provisions

3. Compliance with their duty to the Oglala Sioux Tribe the election board refused to certify and did refuse to place a number of candidates for various tribal elected positions on the ballot for the 2004 tribal election including the position of President. The qualifications for candidacy for the office of OST president are strictly governed by the OST constitution and ordinances which require as a matter of law:

A. A candidate must be at least 25 years of age

B. A candidate shall have physically resided within the exterior boundaries for a period of one year immediately preceding the primary election date.

C. A candidate shall present a nominating petition signed by 150 eligible voters at large

D. A candidate will complete

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The Thorpe Center: Working together to help each other

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

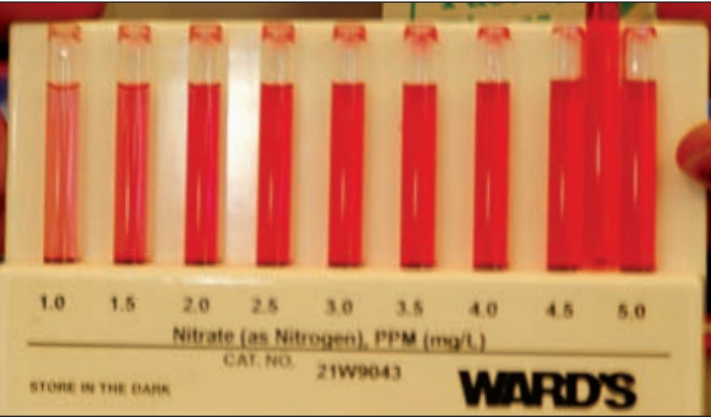
PINE RIDGE — Sandy Cuny, teacher and team leader, Tanya Provost, teacher, and Lisa Schrader Dillon, school social worker are the Thorpe Center staff leading the Thorpe Center in Pine Ridge High School.

The Thorpe Center is a program at Pine Ridge High School created for freshman that are 17-years old and older and for seniors needing more courses to graduate. Research based, and utilizing proven educational methods and strategies, the

program according to the Thorpe Center Model for Success is: "rooted in the belief that every student can succeed when empowered with the knowledge of their learning styles and strengths and empowered to learn when their learning journeys are based on the richness of the Lakota culture and language.

Furthermore, that students are problem solvers and critical thinkers and equally important, that quality learning is a social process that evolves when learning experiences are designed according to proven educational research, modern and varied teaching strategies while inviting the learners to the freedom of jointly determining their learning program and assessment of such program."

"Our programs are project based learning through community service projects where the stu-



Thorpe Center student water project shows high nitrate levels in Batesland tap water

dents can get involved in activities in the community and change the situation. This way, everybody benefits and learns," says Cuny. "One project we have is a water project: A science project that is based on research. We gathered

water samples and studied the soil and environment around the samples.

"We began with an English scientific definition of soil, says Provost: "the naturally deposited

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9:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Office at the County Courthouse in Rushville.

Bernard plans to open a new liquor establishment called White Clay Liquors in this small border town where, according to the liquor commission, more than 427,000 gallons of alcohol, which equals 4.5 million cans of beer, are sold annually.

The alcohol is purchased mainly by residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, who illegally take the alcohol across the border where it is illegally consumed.

In August, the first application by Bernard was denied because according to the commission, "It was clear that he was going to be an absentee owner," and that such ownership arrangements are in violation of the Liquor Control Act.

The order for denial also stated that the commissioners considered the existing population of White Clay and its potential for growth, the nature of the neighborhood where the liquor establishment will be located, the existence of other similar establishments within the same neighborhood and the adequacy of existing law enforcement.

Bernard filed a second application in September which was rejected because according to County Commissioner Lewis Abold, "It contained falsehoods."

After correcting the falsehoods Abold said the application was accepted and the public hearing was heard last Monday.

Among those present to give testimony was Ron Green a resident of Sheridan County who said he came to express his opposition to the approval of the liquor license, "I come as a community member. When I first came here and visited White Clay I would tell people 'Oh! You got to see this.' I came just simply—to stand in opposition."

Brian Peterson also a community member called the issue of White Clay "so real" and spoke about the stark contrast with what goes on White Clay compared to other places in the nation.

"What you see in White Clay you don't see in Alliance, you don't see it in Rushville, or Swett or Martin. The situation in White Clay makes none of us Nebraskans look good," Peterson told the commission.

Also present to voice their opposition were members of the Nebraskans for Peace who expressed concern that supportive services do not exist in White Clay.

Bernard told commission members that he is a business person who is "just trying to make a profit."

According to Sen. Don Preister of Omaha, 2001 gross revenues from alcohol sales in this small Nebraska town of 30


BEER

Whiteclay, NE
by the numbers

Gallons.....	427,000
Ounces	\$4,656,000
12oz. Cans.....	4,554,667
Cases.....	189,778
Daily Sales	\$10,400
Yearly Sales.....	\$3,795,560

2000 Census Population

Pine Ridge Village.....	3171
Shannon County	12,466
Pine Ridge Res.	15,507



people was \$3.3 million dollars, which generated \$164,000 in sales taxes for the state of Nebraska.

The current owners of the three existing liquor establishments in White Clay earn gross profits of more than \$1.1 million each.

Bernard said the issue of illegal alcohol use by reservation residents was a problem that needed to be stopped "before it gets to Nebraska."

He said closing liquor establishments in White Clay was, "Not going to stop the problem — people are going to get it someplace else."

Bernard complained about being denied a liquor license request when other establishments in Sheridan County who serve off-sale liquor to reservation residents were not denied.

LaMere called Bernard's remarks a slap in the face and racist and said it was illegalities surrounding alcohol sales in White Clay that makes it a concern to Indian people. He again appealed to the commissioners to make a decision based on their moral values.

"I don't know Mr. Bernard, but this issue is bigger than Mr. Bernard. I too have moral values. I stand up against alcohol abuse and domestic abuse. I ask you to stand up for those values too," LaMere said.

Commissioner Abold said, "We have to meet the laws of free enterprise as well as moral values."

He said eight or nine applications were received since 1999, but was amazed at Monday's crowd, "I don't know that we've ever had this kind of response to an application. Usually only us and the applicant are here."

LaMere responded, "Nebraska has watched the situation in White Clay deteriorate. You will see a ground swell continue to rise. The reason everyone has come together is that something is happening. The groundswell is going to continue until it reaches the capitol."

Root District have really helped the family a lot, "says Carmelita, "and we are really grateful for that, but now, as a family we need to help them."

If you would like to make a direct donation, please send money orders to her parents, Sam and Elizabeth One Horn, in care of Ronald McDonald House, 1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor Mich., 48104. Carmelita is planning to open a special bank account for local donations, or if you would like to help in organizing a fund raiser or any other way, please call Carmelita Mesteth at (605) 455-2544 (work), (605) 455-1474 (home). You can talk to Sam, Elizabeth, and Samantha or maybe even Sophia in her hospital room: (734) 936-3468. All donations and prayers are welcome.

Little Wound School flies into the future

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE – The seventh grade classes at Little Wound School are the first graduating Native Americans in the NASA SEMAA (Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy) Program that has an enrollment of 60,000 students nationwide. The program, which was brought to Little Wound School by Bill Swanson, the AEL (Aerospace Education Laboratory) Coordinator from Oglala Lakota College is designed to enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematic skills in career preparation for minority students. "Swanson invited Little Wound School to consider participation, which really excited all of us," says Cecelia Haas. Haas is the Instructional Service Director for Little Wound Middle School. "We discussed it with the teachers, and arranged for them to become SEMAA certified. Each instructor had to become curriculum trained. We have five trained instructors now, Hope Cross, Tom Foral, Michelle Thunder Hawk, Phyllis Heathershaw and Jeff Laubach."

"The program involved two-three hour blocks a week," said Haas, "a total of 15 hours per student per week, or 60 hours total in the 4 week period. Activities in the program draw heavily on NASA research and hands-on interactive learning. The kids loved the flight simulator, and they learned how to make their own flight plans."

"The program will be extended to the 8th grade starting in January," says Haas. "We are arranging the class time and coor-

minating now for that to happen."

The "Young Aviators" the title given to participants in the 7th grade level graduating class included the following students:

7-1: Hope Cross, instructor, Kristen Clifford, Kyle Clifford, Joseph Elk, Sydnee Ferguson, Gerald Gay, Raquel Hunter, Stephanie Janis, Richard Lamont, Wiyaka McNeil, Tara One Horn, Tyler One Horn, Eric Rojas, Justin Spencer, Tyler Swallow, Liandra Young Bear, Tara Red Owl, and Bobbie Jo Ashmore.

7-2: Phyllis Heathershaw, instructor, Brittney Ashley, Cessilee Big Crow, Ryan Eagle Elk, Kevin Fraser, Jill Gay, Zachery Goodlow, Teyvn Little Sky, Charles Shot With Arrow, Stone Emerson, Renzel Watkins, Bessie White Face, Delbert Yellow Wolf, Kristy Young Bear, Karen Zirkle, and Shirae Pourier.

7-3: Tom Floral instructor, Samuel Around Him, Cassey Has No Horse, Curtis Horse, Michelle Kills Warrior, Tashauni Long Soldier, Paul Mousseaux Jr., Jiame No Neck, Cesi Pay Pay, Tracy red Owl, Ariel Richards, Derek Richards, Eden Rodriquez, Miracle Scouts Enemy, Tashina Shangrexux, Enoch Yellow Hawk, Tanya Yellow Hawk, and Thomas Norse.

7-4: Michelle Thunder Hawk, instructor, Kaitlyn Brave Eagle, Erica Briggs, Robert Crazy Bear, Dustin Ferguson, Lyndsey Harris, Jhacie Long Soldier, Stevie Makes Good, Brennon Montgomery, Carly Randall, John Richards, Kanisha Rooks, Laci Roy, Montana Sierra, Jessica Spotted Eagle, Frankie Villarreal, and Clinton White Hawk



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Complaint:

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a background check

E. A candidate shall certify he/she personally requested the nomination petition

5. It has come to the attention of the petitioner that the election board either knowingly or willingly failed to perform their required duties in regard to all candidates for the office of OST president by certifying a non eligible candidate for the 2004 general election.

6. In the alternative, the election board would never in the duty they owed to the Oglala Sioux Tribe by failing to perform their required duties in regard to all candidates for the office of OST President by certifying an ineligible candidate for the 2004 general election.

7. The action or inaction of the 2004 election board has harmed the Oglala Sioux Tribe by placing for election a candidate or candidates that are, as in matter of law, ineligible to stand for election.

10. It has come to the attention of various persons that Cecelia Fire Thunder resides at 701 Stover Street, Martin, SD.

9. Martin SD is not within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

10. A person residing in a location that is not within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation can neither be a candidate for nor elected to the office of President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

11. Cecelia Fire Thunder is not a resident of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and therefore cannot be a duly certified candidate for the office of OST President.

12. Russell Means is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

13. Russell Means is citizen and resident of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

14. Russell Means is a candidate for the office of OST President as duly certified by the election board of the Oglala Sioux Tribe has meted all the requirements for candidacy.

15. The only candidate in the 2004 OST general election to meet all of the statutory require-

ments for the election to the office of OST President is Russell Means.

16. As a matter of law, the candidacy and standing of Cecelia Fire Thunder as a candidate is required to be stricken.

17. But for the failure or refusal to, of the election board to require Cecelia Fire Thunder to fully comply with requirements for candidacy for the office of President, the name of Cecelia Fire Thunder would not have been placed on the ballot.

18. As a matter of law Cecelia Fire Thunder cannot be certified as the prevailing candidate for the office of OST President in the 2004 OST general election.

- Wherefore -

Considered upon leaning of and thereafter verifying the non compliance of applicable OST ordinances related to the candidacy of Cecelia Fire Thunder, petitioner hereby files this petition and does seek as a matter of law that the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, refuse to certify the name of Cecelia Fire Thunder and thereafter recognize Russell Means as the prevailing candidate. Submitted this 12th day of November, 2004."

Melanie Janis, of the OST Election Committee said that Means had not filed a complaint with the election board and that he should have filed one prior to the election.

She also said that Bennett County is within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and that Means has no grounds to file a complaint.

Fire Thunder said that she is not concerned with the recent turn of events in the election, "I trust the election board. They are taking care of it and there is nothing else we need to know. Bennett County is within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation."

"It's over with. The bottom line is I am the president elect of the Oglala Sioux Tribe," she said with confidence.

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Thorpe Center Students back row L to R Sonny Iron Moccasin, J.T.Myore, Don Janis, Robert Tasso. Front Row L to R Janette Johnson, Amber Cottier, Kyle Mesteth, Mark Buckman, Mary Jo Too Too, Dawna Waters.

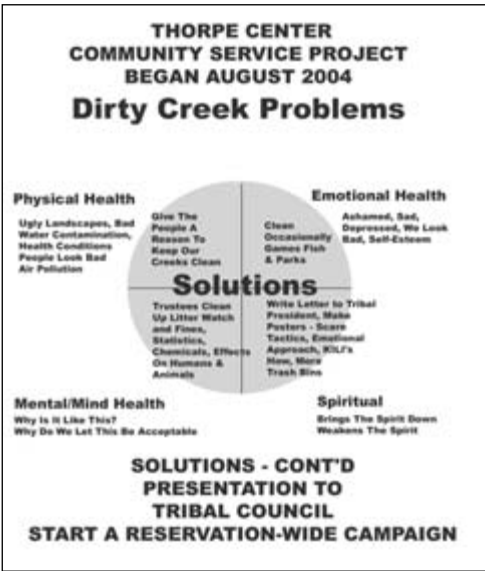
unconsolidated material which covers the Earth's surface whose chemical, physical, and biological properties are capable of supporting plant growth. Soil is a product of natural decomposition forces acting upon native rocks, vegetation, and animal matter over an extremely long period of time, in some cases literally thousands of years. The factors involved in the formation of natural soils are: (1) living matter (2) Climate (3) Parent materials (fineness of particle size as well as their chemical and mineralogical composition) (4) relief (slope and land form and (5) time.”

In comparison,” states Cuny, “we incorporated the Lakota meaning of dirt (or soil) from “Toward and Oglala Lakota Constitution, Four Elements of Life Provide the

Basis for Self-Government” by Virgil Kills Straight.: “Billions of years ago, Inyan gave life. As a result, Winyan came to life. Winyan is the Sacred Life Giver. Every handful of earth or dirt has life. Your ancestors lived there. The Earth is where life comes from. It took millions of years for the dirt to form; it's alive both spiritually and biologically, it's teaming with life. Wamakaskan is the spirit that comes from the dirt, because the dirt has been created by living things coming to life, living, dying, and coming back to life again. Every year, something grows there, and dies and decays, and grows again. Wa (snow) is the purest form of matter. Maka (dirt), Skan (movement) – Wa ma ka skan: spirit (the sacred dirt that

moves).”

Tanya Provost continued to explain the creek project, “We took samples of water, some from the tap here at the school, some from the creek behind the school, and another instructor, Richard Jones brought in tap water from Batesland. We discussed nitrates (compounds from agricultural fertilizers (soil), sewage, industrial and pacing house wastes, and drainage from livestock feeding area, farm manures and legumes. The kids discovered through research that high amounts of nitrates in the soil can cause “blue babies” (methemoglobinemia) in infants and many other symptoms. The water in the creek was lower in nitrates than the school tap water. The kids then did more research



Thorpe Center water project chart shows 4 aspects of concern for polluted water

and discovered that the cat tails and the movement of the water were probably the main reason. They also cleaned up some of the litter in and around the creek. When they tested the nitrates in the water from Batesland, they discovered a rather high nitrate level. All the water seems to be within safe nitrate levels according to state standards, but it is apparent that something must be done to stop the levels from growing.”

“This research develops a relationship of responsibility with the environment,” stated Cuny. “There is now awareness here, and the students know they are part of the future solution to water problems. We talked about the seven generations. We must work now to protect seven generations ahead. If the

nitrates continue to advance, that could lead to real problems.”

“All curriculums are in accordance with state standards,” stated Cuny. “Right now, we are working on a comparison between the OST constitution, the US constitution and the proposed changes in the OST constitution. We are comparing the governmental constitutions with the ultimate law of the White Buffalo Calf Woman. We evaluate the contents of each constitution and do a comparative study to see how each constitution reflect the values of the White Buffalo Calf Woman. We have active research, discussions and presentations. We also discuss the idea of returning to the traditional style of government, rather than the current council style. These discussions and research develop identity, ownership and personal involvement in their government.”

“Our third major project,” states Cuny, “is the life goal marker/career project. Each student creates a portfolio setting life and career goals. They research their careers, talk to people that work in the field they would like to pursue, and investigate opportunities that fit their talents and skills. The con-

tents of each folder are extensive, and creatively involve the student with his future. It includes practical/legal documents, a resume, career planning and educational goals, certificates and awards, recommendation letters, work and volunteer history. In the compilation of these folders we emphasize thinking skills such as creativity and problem solving skills, basic skills like reading, writing, math, technology and the Lakota values of *Wacantognaka* (generosity of spirit), *Woksape* (wisdom), *Woohitika* (courage/bravery), *Wowacintanka* (patience, perseverance).”

“The *Owe Ak'u* (O (as one), (We (blood) ak'u (bringing back the way)) is the bi-weekly newspaper that our students publish,” states Cuny. “It is an on-going publication that covers campus issues, creative writing (poetry), entertainment, sports, and fundamental values of the Pine Ridge High School. It enhances writing skills, organizational thinking skills, investigative skills, arts and graphic skills and creates a bond with the rest of the school. All of our programs are designed to create critical thinking and problem solving skills. All are preparatory for the responsibilities of adulthood. All are designed to establish a sense of belonging. We use the buffalo as our symbol because the buffalo is our first teacher. When somebody is struggling in the herd, the rest of the buffalo gather around them and help them. Like them, we are creating an environment of working together to help each other.”

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OST Diabetes Program hosts health fair

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE - November is diabetes awareness month and the OST Diabetes program hosted a Health Fair in the lobby of the Kyle Clinic.

Roz Bolzer, Diabetes Coordinator who was instrumental in organizing this year's Health Fair said a total of seven programs participated.

The Diabetes Program presented “Nutrition and the ABC's of Diabetes,” with Jewel Moore taking blood sugars.

Also participating was the Tribal Dental Program, the Casey Family, the Community Health Representatives, and the Medicaid Program.

The I.H.S. staff sponsored a scavenger hunt with two turkey baskets as the prize and Capt. Andrew S. Qualm, Optometrist was present to draw the winners.

Contestants were selected from the under 65 category and the over 65 category.

Winners will enjoy a feast on

Thanksgiving Day which included: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, corn, beans, diet sodas, pickles, olives, rolls, sweet potatoes, frozen pies, tea, cranberries with a dash of salt and pepper.

Winner for the under 65 category were Shay Janis, Whisper Janis and Mikayla Mitzel.

The over 65 winner was Mary White Thunder.

“We did this so we could honor the one of the elders in the community,” Bolzer said.



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A tribute to KILI's Tom "Crash" Casey

Sitting in the Lakota Times office, hands tied to the key board, type, type, typing away, everyone stops and listens.

Tom "Crash" Casey is on the air. He gives us leads, he tells us if schools are open or closed, he tells us who is where, when and why. He is invaluable to our business; the news business. We listen to him. He knows what's happening, why it's happening, and by whom it is happening. He knows what is being done and who to.

We have been told a story about Tom: it seems that one night while driving home this friend noticed headlights bearing down on her as she was advancing up a steep hill. As the car careened over the top of her she spotted Tom's face overhead, looking down on her. Later she asked him what was he doing? "I don't know," responded Tom, "I think I was reading." This is only part of the lore behind the nickname of "Crash." There are other stories about cows, horses, deer, guard rails, and cars. His reputation for driving is well-known, as is his reputation for creating an informed, reliable news and information station.

Tom has a place here in the Lakota Nation. He is a personality. He has shared his personality with KILI. He has a following. No matter where you go, if you have a question on the rez people suggest tuning in to Tom Casey and KILI radio. Whether it is talk about the election, birth or death, a band playing, a basketball game, a dance or a special meeting, if you have a question, people will tell you to listen to the radio station.

Tom has worked hard at KILI radio along



with other DJs, like "Buzz" Two Lance, Mary White Face, Derek Janis, "Mugs" Cross, Joyce Loafer, Jenny Thunder Hawk and Janet Young Bear to develop this information media. KILI radio has been open and people have responded. The staff at the radio station work at keeping the flavor of community radio, something of a rarity in the radio world. They keep in touch with their market.



Equality or inequality in enforcement of court orders

By Rena M. Hymans

Due to the multiple agencies and bureaucracies responsible for actions in and out of Indian country, a discussion of the processes used to enforce judgments or court orders across boundaries seems appropriate. However, this area of the law is quite extensive and cannot be covered in one article. Therefore, the piece of this picture for discussion today is "comity" or enforcement of judgments across reservation boundaries into state courts and vice versa.

South Dakota has two mechanisms by which it may give full faith and credit to a foreign judgment/order: 1) process of enforcement of a foreign judgment pursuant to SDCL 15-16A-1, et seq.; and 2) process of recognition of a tribal court order/judgment pursuant to SDCL 1-1-25.

The first process applies, in its own language, to other federal and state courts only. Chapter 15-16A merely requires the filing of an authenticated (typically certified) document with affidavit. This process is quite easy, but reserved only for federal and state court judgments, not tribal court judgments.

The second process is limited to tribal courts only. This process is more cumbersome than that of Chapter 15-16A. SDCL 1-1-25 states:

No order or judgment of a tribal court in the State of South Dakota may be recognized as a matter of comity in the state courts of South Dakota, except under the following terms and conditions:

Before a state court may consider recognizing a tribal court order or judgment the party seeking recognition shall establish by clear and convincing evidence that:

The tribal court had jurisdiction over both the subject matter and the parties;

The order or judgment was not fraudulently obtained;

The order or judgment was obtained by a process that assures the requisites of an impartial administration of justice including but not limited to due notice and a hearing;

The order or judgment complies with the laws, ordinances and regulations of the jurisdiction from which it was obtained; and

The order or judgment does not contravene the public policy of the State of South Dakota.

If a court is satisfied that all of the foregoing conditions exist, the court may recognize the tribal court order or judgment in any of the following circumstances:

In any child custody or domestic relations case; or

In any case in which the jurisdiction issuing the order or judgment also grants comity to orders and judgments of the

South Dakota courts; or

In other cases if exceptional circumstances warrant it; or

Any order required or authorized to be recognized pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §1911(d) or 25 U.S.C. §1919.

SDCL 1-1-25 (2004). So if one obtains a judgment or order in tribal court, this is the process one must go through to enforce it in the state courts of South Dakota. You can analyze why there are differences yourself. This article only explores the differences for you to draw your own conclusions.

Many tribal governments have seen fit to permit the enforcement of "foreign" judgments in its courts as well. Being most familiar with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code, please accept its provisions as an example. Pursuant to Section 22.4, the Oglala Sioux Tribe requires "Validity of Court Orders and Judgments" before they can be enforced.

Section 22.4 of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code states,

No civil order or judgment of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court shall be valid and effective or enforceable in any manner against any person unless the order or judgment shall have been issued in a civil case arising out of the institution of a civil action in accordance with this Code and the Rules of Court and unless the defendant has been

given an opportunity to appear at a hearing.

Any order issued, except as provided herein, shall not be deemed a lawful order under Sec. 72 of this Code or for any other purpose.

These requirements are for the tribal court's own orders and judgments. However, this section becomes interesting when one sees how the Oglala Sioux Tribe grants comity to orders and judgment outside the reservation boundaries.

Generally, the Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code states, "The Oglala Sioux Tribal Courts shall apply the doctrine of comity to the judicial proceedings of all foreign courts in which a final judgment has been issued." Section 22.4, Section 1, Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code. The procedure for obtaining comity is as follows:

The Petitioner shall file a written petition with the Clerk of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court, which shall be accompanied by a verified copy of the foreign court's judgment sought to be enforced. The petition shall set for the following the names of all parties to the foreign court judgment sought to be recognized and their respective addresses;

the type of relief granted in the foreign court's judgment;

if money was awarded in the foreign court's judgments, then the full judgment amount plus

court costs and attorney's fees; the date the foreign court's judgment was entered;

the record of any subsequent entries or court actions affecting the foreign court's judgment, such as levies or execution or garnishment, payments in partial satisfaction, etc.; and

any additional information the petitioner believes is relevant.

The petition shall be served upon the Respondent in the same manner as authorized by the Code of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

The Respondent may filed with the clerk of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court a written answer to the petition at any time prior to the hearing on the petition.

After at least five (5) days notice to the Respondent a hearing shall be held on the petition seeking comity of the foreign court judgment. The petitioner shall have the burden of proof in the hearing on the petition seeking comity. However, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Ordinance, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court shall inquire into the underlying facts of the foreign court's judicial proceedings as well as the underlying facts and circumstances of the incident which formed the basis for such proceedings.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code, Section 24.4, Section 4.

The four main items for review under the procedure are

(1) whether foreign court had jurisdiction; (2) foreign judgment was not obtained fraudulently; (3) that the foreign judgment was gained following general due process rights; and (4) the foreign judgment does not contravene a public policy of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. If any one of these four requirements is not proven, then the foreign judgment will not be enforced in Oglala Sioux Tribal Courts. Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code, Section 24.4, Section 5.

The provisions from state court to state court, or federal court to state court, is much simpler than the provisions from tribal court to state court, or state court to tribal court. Again, this information is just the tip of the iceberg in enforcement of judgments.

More specific information will be provided in relationship to specific items in the following issues such as child support, garnishments, property repossessions, to name a few. Please contact the Lakota Times at its main office if you wish to have a particular topic discussed in this column.

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Letters

What a performance by Jackie Bird

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to let everyone know that Jackie Bird did a fabulous show on Nov. 5, 2004. My name is Trevor Iron Cloud; I would like to thank the OST Youth Opportunity for helping me make my project come through okay!

The Youth Opportunity Program helped me pay for the fee that Ms. Bird had ask for when she decided to come and do a performance for the community and for the Little Wound High School students and YO Associates.

I remember back in 1995 when Jackie Bird came and did a concert with her family here at Little Wound School. It's been about nine years since. I was in the fourth grade then. How time flies! Jackie brought her two boys with her, she is also trying to get them started and she wants them to have a good life walking on the Sacred Red Road.

I kept in touch with Jackie Bird via email throughout this past summer, when she finally emailed me she was busy with different events. Then one day I checked my email and she was open, so I booked her for Nov. 5 and after her performance we went back to the Kyle Youth

Opportunity center, where we had some sandwiches, chips, and some juice.

We took pictures, and we talked about the good old days and so on. Jackie will be back on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on Nov. 17, 2004 for the OST Youth Opportunity Banquet at Pine Ridge Middle School 6 p.m.

Once again, thanks to Doni DeCory, Angie Eagle Bull, Serena King, for making this day a dream come true. And thanks to the youth associates who participated in this fabulous event, also to Cameron Janis and Spur Pourier for the flag song and for helping her with her hoop dancing.

This has been a project that I have put a lot of time and effort into, I believe that everyone should listen to Jackie's music; she has a message that she is trying to tell the youth. There are many opportunities that they can do when they get out of school. For more info on Jackie, go to www.outlawforpeace.com/jbird/

**Mitakuye Oyasin!
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Misconceptions about the Indian people of America

A couple of letters to the editor of the local daily newspaper suggest that only those who pay taxes should be allowed to vote.

The premise for this suggestion may be traced to a common misconception: Indians do not pay taxes. Without question the Indian vote in states with large Indian populations remains a significant target for Democrats and Republicans.

The recent loss of the senate seat by Democrat Tom Daschle does not alter that premise. After all, Daschle lost by a mere 4,500 votes in the more than 100,000 votes cast in a state that is heavily Republican. Slightly more than 50 percent of the eligible American Indian voters turned out. If even 70 percent had turned out Daschle would still be South Dakota's senator.

My guess is that the letter writers suggesting that only those who pay taxes be allowed to vote assume that Indians in South Dakota and other states do not pay taxes. This is a myth that needs to be addressed along with other misconceptions about the sta-

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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tus of American Indians in this state and in America. My own father was 30 years old when he was awarded the right to vote in America. He did pay taxes.

First of all, turning out in large numbers to vote in national elections is new to most Indian people. Considering that the majority of the Indian people did not get the right to vote until 1948 is it any wonder that we have come late to the political process. Also consider the fact that many of the Indians serving in World War I and II

were not even legal citizens of the United States.

Most Indians became citizens in 1924, but two states with very large Indian populations, Arizona and New Mexico, did not ratify their citizenship, and thus their right to vote, until 1948. It was only after the returning Indian veterans, including the Navajo Code Talkers, protested vehemently that their state governments ratified the amendment making them legal citizens of America. Ironical, huh?

But for a couple of generations after US citizenship was granted, Indians did not appreciate the significance of participating in national elections. Most voted in local elections made possible by the Indian Re-organization Act of 1934. But when nationally elected politicians began to create laws and enact legislation that took away land, mineral rights, and tribal rights the Indian people began to look for a way to halt this process and even to reverse it.

They saw the political process as one way and uniting as a people as another. The

National Congress of American Indians, founded in 1944, was one approach. But NCAI has never been able to get one hundred percent membership or participation by the majority of the Indian nations. This had prevented a single organization to speak as one voice for the Indian people.

And through all of the years, white America is still living under the misconception that Indians do not pay taxes. America is also blinded to believe that we are cared for from cradle to grave by a benevolent government. The only thing an Indian does not pay taxes on is the land he lives on. The United States of America holds Indian land in trust.

Indians pay sales taxes. Ironically, most Indians shop off of the reservation and the taxes they pay for items purchased do not come back to them but instead go into the coffers of the state government and the local municipalities.

Indians pay all of the federal taxes paid by all Americans. They have FICA; withholding, Medicare and all of the other

taxes deducted from their paychecks every payday. They pay taxes every time they fill their vehicles with gasoline. They are taxed when they purchase a refrigerator or a washer and dryer.

Many of the so-called benefits they receive in the way of health care or education were guaranteed under the terms of the treaties they signed with the United States of America in exchange for millions of acres of land. The treaties signed between sovereign nations in the late 1800s have never been abrogated and they are still the laws of the land.

Through it all the funds held in trust by the United States government have been so badly mismanaged, stolen, or lost that it has become an accountants nightmare. Eloise Cobell, the Blackfeet Indian woman who has brought a law suit against the United States for accountability, estimates that the money lost to the Indian people amounts into the billions of dollars.

And what great American lawmaker is going to stand up and fight for the return of these billions of dollars to the

people from whom it was stolen? Cobell said that the United States doesn't have to find the money to pay the Indians. "They have the money already because they stole it from us," she said.

When the Indian people are ready, they will start turning out in numbers as high as 90 percent to vote. They still have fears and doubts about the process and so they have not fully participated but that day is coming.

In the meantime, those who would suggest that only people who pay taxes be allowed to vote had better get a handle on their obvious misperception that Indians do not pay taxes. If they fear the Indian vote that much they should be finding ways to bring it to their side rather than trying to deny it.

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Constructing the meaning of respect in Lakota

The concept of RESPECT in Lakota society has the same definition and feeling to it, as in western society. Buechel lists its spelling as 'ahokipa.' It is a word that it is heard in a traditional song as 'ahokipapo' and I never paid much attention to its meaning until now. You know, as someone who has a sense of the sound and meaning of Lakota I can sometimes get a feeling of a word from the sentence that it is placed in. In the wasicu way, that is called the context and sometimes I am not always correct, so then I have to dig around for the dictionary or consult with a well-versed Lakota speaker. Just the other day, I saw the word 'makasitomini' used in a proposal and I spoke with Calvin Jumping Bull, an instructor at Oglala Lakota College, and had him define what the word meant. He noted that it meant every living thing on earth and presumably that also meant the water, trees, and earth.

It is frustrating for some when they do not possess a full competence in Lakota. One of my students noted in class that it is ironic that many of us have to consult a dictionary that was written by a wasicu and published in the early 1970s.

Since that time we have seen other dictionaries, and most notably one by Albert White Hat. I tell people that my claim to fame with regard to Lakota is that Albert allowed me to examine and comment on his book, "Reading and Writing the Lakota Language: Lakota Lyapi UN Wowapi" before he published it. I was the Dean of Tribal Studies at Sinte Gleska University, etc and I learned a number of things just from reading the unpublished draft. One important thing I recall was that Lakota words obviously can be

Northern Perspectives



By Dr. Archie Beauvais

broken into component parts and each will mean something different. Sometimes a word will carry a meaning to it that is understood, and not spelled out so it can be seen. I do not recall the specific word, but it carried the color blue with it, and I missed it. I pointed that out to Albert, and he explained the concept of 'understood meaning' and I was grateful for the lesson.

At any rate, Albert's text is a great accomplishment for any teacher, instructor or academic alike. Lakota educators and those who pass on such vital Lakota knowledge do not always have an incentive to publish. Learning has been done as an oral tradition for millenniums and trying to fit into the writing style or publishing criteria of some faraway publisher is frustrating. Finally, I applaud Albert as he was always generous. He extended an invitation for a sweat many times.

Having learned the concept of RESPECT growing up, it is always present in my adult life, especially in a Lakota cultural setting. As Dean of Tribal Studies, I was in a position where I was supposed to supervise older Lakota

people and that was culturally difficult for me. Doris Leader Charge is the grandmother to three of my nieces and I felt the greatest respect for her and it was awkward to have been her supervisor for a short time. In Lakota life, we simply would not be put into a setting like that where the younger person would have to counsel or advise an older person. When we recognize that degree of RESPECT it applies to everyone we meet.

Most Lakota people simply learn RESPECT in the home and in their interaction with parents and elders. You can see it as you observe people who interact with others. Most of the time, they are humble and not the kind who will dominate the conversation or be loud in a crowd. For example, if you went into a restaurant where a lot of Lakota were eating most would be speaking in quiet and hushed tones.

We can learn a lot about RESPECT when we sit together and define what it means for our schools, our community and our families. As 'ahokipa' it also means giving reverence to others and deferring to them as they speak and act. As we transmit knowledge and rules to children, we have to ensure that we practice it also. We cannot stick up the word on a wall and hope that others know how it applies in our building.

'Ahokipa' means we appreciate the good feelings we get from those around us. It also means that we tolerate different viewpoints and ideas. In meetings, we allow those with cultural knowledge and perspective to speak and not be interrupted. If you do not allow people to speak uninterrupted in such settings it can mean cultural suicide. Last summer I taught a

class in Eagle Butte and I illustrated this to my students. We spoke English in one segment of the class and everyone seemed to be talking and buzzing. In the next segment, some spoke Lakota and you could hear a pin drop in a background as everyone deferred to the speaker. To me that was RESPECT and many Lakota people will tell you that Lakota is a cultural gift from wakantanka and he only understands you if you

speak Lakota. When I hear people like Alice Four Horns, Ben Black Bear, Jr. Pat Bad Hand, and Sandra White to name but a few, speak Lakota I feel deep respect and I listen and I learn something.

RESPECT is kind of like life. You cannot fake it. You have to attend to it all the time and live and breathe it. We earn RESPECT throughout our life, but in turn we have to be able to teach it to succeeding generations and transmit

it far into the future. Those with intuition have a sense of who possesses RESPECT.

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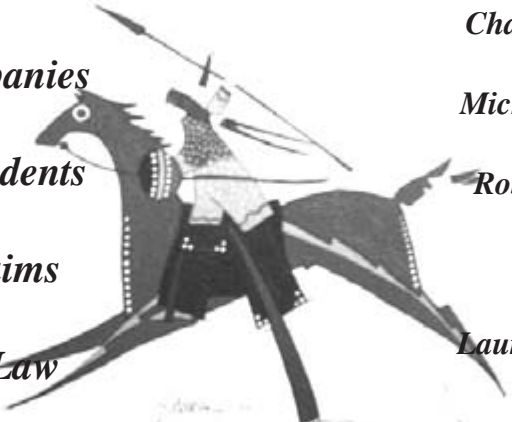
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Russell Means	.2,083	.171	.28	.2,282
Cecelia Fire Thunder	.2,731	.205	.35	.2,971*

Vice-President	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Eileen Janis	.1,984	.167	.30	.2,181
Alex White Plume	.2,726	.201	.32	.2,959*

Eagle Nest District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Ruth Brown	.205	.10	.1	.216*
Annette Stands	.82	.5	.0	.87
Jim Meeks	.162	.15	.2	.179
Thomas Poor Bear	.249	.10	.2	.261*

Lacreek District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Gerald “Jed” Bettelyoun	.127	.10	.0	.137
Mary Poor Thunder	.180	.17	.2	.199*

Medicine Root District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Austin Watkins Sr.	.360	.35	.7	.402*
Juanita Scherick	.335	.48	.7	.390*
Charles White Elk	.291	.35	.3	.329
Sandra E. Old Horse	.271	.40	.5	.316

Pass Creek District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Lydia Bear Killer	.184	.11	.1	.196*
Donna Salomon	.65	.10	.0	.175

Pine Ridge District	.Votes	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Will Peters	.488	.26	.8	.522*
Lyle Jack	.411	.22	.3	.436*
Carol O’Rourke	.350	.19	.9	.378
Ella “John” Carlow	.497	.20	.6	.523*
Gerald “Jump” Big Crow	.354	.18	.6	.378
Garry Janis	.255	.21	.5	.281

Porcupine Distric	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
David Pourier	.239	.13	.2	.254
Philip Good Crow	.302	.18	.8	.328*
Bernard White Face	.264	.10	.8	.282*
Chuck Jacobs	.205	.15	.4	.224

Wakpamni District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Herbert Colhoff	.306	.9	.1	.316
Maxine J. Lakota	.312	.12	.3	.327*
Walt Big Crow	.317	.10	.2	.329*
Tom Conroy	.305	.15	.4	.324

White Clay District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Floyd Brings Plenty	.251	.21	.3	.275
Paul Little	.262	.2	.5	.296*
Delores Ten Fingers-Two Bulls	.196	.19	.2	.217
Valerie Kills Small-Janis	.256	.21	.4	.281*

Wounded Knee District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Garfield Steele	.289	.25	.4	.318*
Kevin Yellow Bird-Steele	.238	.28	.2	.268

Kathy Janis	.322	.26	.4	.352*
Garfield Apple	.219	.24	.4	.247

Oglala Sioux Lakota Nation Housing Board of Directors

Eagle Nest District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Hanna Amiotte	.51	.4	.1	.56
Eleanor Charging Crow	.68	.1	.1	.70*
Leroy Wilcox Sr.	.64	.2	.1	.67
Germaine Bad Wound	.24	.1	.0	.25
Earline Shiroma	.49	.4	.0	.53
Jerome High Horse	.28	.0	.0	.28
Dora Brown-Lamont	.20	.0	.0	.20

Medicine Root District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Juanita Scherick	.138	.13	.6	.157
Angela Sam-Cross	.64	.2	.0	.66
Sandra Old Horse	.146	.13	.2	.161*
Cora Spotted Horse	.111		.6	.120

Pine Ridge District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Marvin P. Richards Sr.	.150	.8	.1	.159
Carol O’Rourke	.140	.11	.3	.154
James “Toby” Big Boy	.171	.16	.3	.190*
Geraldine Janis	.149	.5	.4	.158

Porcupine District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Erwin Weston	.36	.1	.2	.39
Lorraine “Lori” Yellow Boy	.34	.1	.0	.35
Virgil “Chug” Bush Sr.	.55	.1	.0	.56
Violette J. Bear Runner	.36	.1	.0	.37
Rachael L. Bissonette	.47	.4	.4	.55
Rhonda Two Eagle	.81	.7		.88
Richard Iron Cloud	.99	.6	.5	.110*
Dominic Running Hawk	.57	.3	.5	.65

Wakpamni District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Courtney J. Two Lance	.113	.7	.0	.120
Connie Weasel Bear	.119	.5	.2	.126
Sandra Two Lance	.159	.3	.0	.162*
Richard Broken Nose	.105	.2	.0	.107
Elizabeth Rowland	.127	.8	.2	.137

Whiteclay District	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Lovey Cecelia Two Bulls	.83	.5	.2	.90
Valerie Kills Small-Janis	.133	.7	.1	.141*
Frank Two Bulls Sr.	.52	.6	.1	.59
Daniel Hudsepth Sr.	.74	.9	.1	.84
Edward Starr	.91	.4	.1	.96

Little Wound School Dist	.Vote	.Challenge	.Absentee	.Total
Carrie L.Romero	.183	.10	.3	.196
Linda May	.719	.37	.15	.771*
Betty “Anne” Hunter	.542	.23	.10	.575
Cora Spotted Eagle	.456	.24	.8	.488
Collins “C.J.” Clifford	.290	.17	.8	.315
Earlene Rooks	.432	.20	.6	.458
Angela Sam-Cross	.249	.13	.4	.266
S. Ramona White Plume	.373	.11	.7	.391
Archie Hopkins	.553	.31	.11	.595*

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY 2004 CONFERENCE

“It’s YO Time to Shine”



Special Appearance
by the
NBA Washington Wizards
7’7” Gheorge Muresan

To be held at Rushmore Plaza Civic Center during the prestigious
28th Annual Boys & Girls Lakota Nation Invitational

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00-10:45	“It’s all about me and my self-esteem (Self esteem and personal values) Chance Rush
11:00-11:45	Mitakaye Oyasin - We are all related - Be proud - Will Peters
Lunch	On Your Own
1:30-2:15	Listen to your heart - There is light at the end of the tunnel (Suicide Prevention)
2:30-3:15	Fitness Meet - the needs of the active teenage or stress (Teen) Mary Tobacco - OST Education

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00-10:45	Choose the Right (Friendships/Peer Pressure) Doni & Tiny DeCory
11:00-11:45	There is no “I” in team (team building) - Kevin Peniska, Sr.
Lunch	On Your Own
1:30-2:15	“Breaking It Down” - Reality check - HIV/AIDS, It’s here!! Prairie & Michelle
2:30-3:15	Building Community and School Pride Through Involvement Chance Rush

Presenters: Tiny DeCory, Chance Rush, Doni DeCory, Mary Tobacco, OST Yo Staff, OST
Health Education, Kevin Peniska Sr., Prairie Blacksmith, Michelle Eagle Elk, Franklin Cook
& Will Peters.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION ESSAY CONTEST
CASH AWARDS

TOPIC:

“If you were to become Tribal President, what changes would you make, why and how?”

Essays may be sent to Laticia - YO, P.O. Box G, Pine Ridge, SD 57770,
or take them to your local YO site.

For more information or to pre-register, call 605-867-2200

MISSION STATEMENT

The Y.O. Mission is to empower the youth to reclaim their lives by opening up windows of opportunities. Y.O. will invest in the lives of youth improving educational achievement and will inspire as well as challenge youth to develop work skills and life skills in order to ensure success in employment. We will instill life enhancing activities and skills to achieve excellence by providing fun, caring, and responsible adults to guide them through the various challenges, choices, and opportunities they may face.

PROGRAM DESIGN

The Intent of our youth program is to develop programs that recognize the different needs of youth - in school and out-of-school ranging in ages 14-21.

Various programs are being designed to address these individual needs. Being able to provide our youth with the resources needed to assist them in their career decision for the future is of our main focus area. With the development of more intense individual focus, high quality standards, combined with volunteer work, paid/unpaid work experience, strong leadership, and development activities, we expect to prepare youth for the workforce and assist them to become contributing members of their community.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GOALS • IT IS THE
GOAL OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAM TO:

1. Provide services to eligible youth seeking assistance in achieving academic and employment success. Providing comprehensive activities, which include a variety of options for improving educational and skill competencies and provide effective connections to employers.
2. Provide opportunities for training.
3. Provide continued support services.
4. Provide incentive for recognition and achievement.
5. Provide opportunities for youth in activities related to leadership development, decision making and community service.
6. Ensure ongoing mentoring opportunities for youth with adults committed to providing such activities.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUTH
AGES 14-21 WHO ARE WILLING:

- Be committed and participate
- Increase their reading and math levels
- Interested in Career Exploration
- Want help preparing for the ACT/SAT test
- Interested in volunteering to do community service
- Obtain vocational training in life skills and employment
- Receive assistance in obtaining employment
- Take part in unpaid/paid work experience
- Volunteer for leadership opportunities and peer tutoring
- Interested in receiving occupational/vocational training
- Obtain GED or high school diploma through alternate education courses.



Oglala Lakota active duty personnel 2004



The following military personnel are Oglala & Rosebud Sioux Tribal Members who are currently serving or recently served in Active duty. If you have any information or if we missed anyone please contact us at 455-1868.

1. Staff Sgt. Lynette Kills Back, Army, Iraq, Homer & Velma Kills Back
2. Pvt. Desiree Goings, Army, Ft. Carson, CO, Ken Carpio, Tayne Goings & Ivy Patton
3. CPL. William J. Big Crow, Marines Iraq, Gerald & Jackie Big Crow
4. CPL. William A Steele, Marines, Okinawa, Japan, John & Anna Steele
5. SPC. Sheralda Randall, Army, Ft. Carson, CO, Bernadine Sitting Holy
6. Tonya Stands-Good Buffalo, Marines, Ben Good Buffalo & Ingrid Stands
7. CPL. Corey Black Feather, Marines Iraq, Bluch Black Feather Sr. & Terri Returns
8. Terry Yellow Cloud Jr., Marines, Iraq, Winfred Yellow Cloud (grandmother)
9. Natasha Ribitsch, Army, Ft. Hachochee, AZ, Hans Ribitsch & Genevieve Chase In Sight
10. SPC. Jeannette Big Crow-Andrew, Army, Ft. Hood, Texas, Herb Big Crow Sr & Nicoleen Crazy Thunder
11. SPC. Marnell Big Crow, Army, Germany/Kuwait, Sharon Big Crow
12. SPC. Teddy Wayne Big Crow, Army, Germany/Kuwait, Ted Big Crow & Rita Buckman
13. Aleta Cut Grass, Air Force, Ed Cut Grass
14. Lisa Bellotte, Air Force, Ed Cut Grass
15. SPC. Jennifer L. Deon, Army, Iraq, Gilbert Mesteth & Denise Deon
16. Pvt. William Murray, Army, Iraq, John Murray & Lynette Mesteth
17. Sgt. Harold Good Voice Flute Jr, Army, Korea, Harold G.V. F Sr. & Lillian Tobacco
18. SPC. Tina Steele, Army, Korea, Franklin D. Steele & Darla Swain
19. Sophia Young Bear, Army, Iraq, Cedric Young Bear & Arleta Wounded Arrow
20. Julie Two Eagle, Army, Israel, Ted & Rhonda Two Eagle
21. Amber L. Red Bear, Army, Ft. Hood, Texas, Norman & Cleo Red Bear
22. Marisol Orozco, Navy, Iraq, Bobby Sullivan
23. PFC. Samantha Iron Moccasin, Army, Korea, Lional Iron Moccasin & Betty Red Cloud
24. Sgt. Cody Pourier, Army, Ft. Bragg, NC, Curtis Pourier & Ruth Big Crow
25. Sgt Myron Pourier, SDANG, Ellsworth AFB, SO. DAK., Curtis Pourier & Ruth Big Crow
26. Arlen Hunter-Reddy, Marines, Iraq, Steve Reddy & Verine Hunter
27. Staff Sgt. Thad Richards, Air Force, Iraq, Marvin & Jackie Richards

28. Delwayne Center, Marines, Virginia, Sterling Center & Connie Curly
29. Kurt Cross, Navy, Point Magu, CA, Robert & Fedilia Cross
30. Robin Crow, Army, Ft. Carson, CO, Harold & Yvonne Crow
31. Fred Brings Him Back Jr, Army, Ft. Bliss, TX, Fred & Velma Brings Him Back Sr
- 32., Michael Ten Fingers, Army, Kuwait, Bill Ten Fingers & Germaine Moves Camp
33. Jeremy Black Elk, Army, Germany, Jim & Lenora Hudson
34. LCPL. Dale Hollow Horn, Marines, Camp LaJuene, N.C, Lorraine Hollow Horn
35. Alton Adams, Army, Hawaii, Leon Adams & Lillian Bear Runner
36. Amber Rose Adams, Army, N. Iraq, Leon Adams & Lillian Bear Runner
37. James Ryan Hernandez, Army
38. Tia Whalen, Air Force
39. Eileen Standing Crow, Army, Yvonne Standing Crow
40. Fred T. Brown Jr., Air Force, Fred & Sandy Brown Sr.
41. Staff Sgt. Melanie Wilson, Air force, Maryland, Barry Wilson & Esther Belt
42. arbara Calvados, MarinesIraq, Charla Ten Fingers
43. Helsondus Missy Long, Army, Ft. Drum, N.Y, Dave & Ramona Long Sr.
44. Anthony Ogelsby Sr. Army, Germany, Joe & Abby Merrival
45. SPC. Linn Little Whiteman, Army , Iraq, Leon & Bernadine Tallman
46. PFC. Ray Little Whiteman, Army, Ft. Polk, L, Leon & Bernadine Tallman
47. Deswood N. Jaquez, Marines, North Carolina, Bruce & Amelia Jaquez
48. Nicholas Campbell, Marines, Iraq, Phyllis Campbell
49. Richard Cuny, Marines Kuwait, Chuck Cuny & Sara Trimble
50. Mni Luzahe Berg, Navy, USS Fletcher, Iraq, James Berg & Theresa Gutierrez
51. Staff Sgt. Lynette Grass Brown, Air Force, Iraq, Richard & Betty Sanders
52. PFC. Melanie Bad Yellow Hair, Army, Iraq, Alvin & Phoebe Bad Yellow Hair
53. SPC. Maybeline Bad Yellow Hair, Army, Iraq, Alvin & Phoebe Bad Yellow Hair
54. MX 19 Frank Palfy, Air Force, Little Rock, AK, Deborah Red Willow
55. Staff Sgt. Thomas S. Conroy, Army, Kuwait, Tom & Ann Conroy
56. P.O 1ST Class Michael S. Conroy, Navy, Kuwait, Tom & Ann Conroy
57. Airman William Morrison Jr., Air force, Whiteman AFB, MS, William Morrison Sr & Donna Red Cloud
58. Sgt. Julian Spotted Bear, Army, Pentagon, VA, Gayla Spotted Bear
59. Theresa Bowman, Air Force, Saudi, Sharon Bowmen
60. Sgt. Michelle Reddest, Army, Kuwait, Orville Reddest & Wilma Leonard

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Veteran's Day Flag raising ceremonies in St. Francis were coordinated by Alou Red Bird, Pius Eagleman and Sidney Points At Him. (Photos by Vi Wain)

By Vi Wain
Lakota Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD — Several local veterans were remembered and honored by their families in three districts on the Rosebud last week. Military displays were organized in the Spring Creek, Two Strike and St. Francis communities.

Photographs, flags, patriotic star quilts and honoring cakes, erected both in memory of deceased veterans and in honor of living veterans of all eras and those currently on active duty in Iraq, were available for public viewing on Veteran's Day. Meals were also provided to visitors in all three districts.

Coordinating morning flag raising ceremonies in the Hinhansunwapa Oyanke (Owl Feather Bonnet District) were veterans Sidney Points At Him, Alou Red Bird and Pius Eagleman. All three men are members of the Phillip Stands American Legion Post 297 of St. Francis. Stands, a Sicangu Army soldier, was killed in action on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Veterans remembered or honored in St. Francis and Two Strike included: Sidney Points At Him, Wilfred Boneshirt, Paul Boneshirt, Ralph Eagleman, Bruce Eagleman, Robert Eagleman, Lester Fool Bull, Pius Eagleman, Sheila Black Bear, David Food Bull, Ben Fool Bull, Norman Left Hand Bull, Mathew Boneshirt,

Benjamin Eagleman, Ron Night Shield and Ellis Bull Tail.

Also on display were pictures of James L. Eagleman and Robert J. Kills In Water, Sr. Both of these young Sicangu soldiers are currently on active duty in Iraq.

The Two Strike community had a large sheet cake on display, decorated in red, white and blue, to honor all Service men and women currently on duty in Iraq. Other veterans recognized and remembered were Leo Chasing In Timber, Jr., Thomas Eugene Red Tomahawk, Paul Two Charger and James Two Charger.

In addition, the Sicangu Lakota Warriors led the evening grand entry at the Spring Creek school gym. Participating were Webster Running, Robert Joe Moore, Harold Jones, Tyrone Head, Chet Stoneman, Jock Gassman and John Poorman, Jr. These veterans also led the public in a victory dance.

Master of ceremonies for the Spring Creek honoring was Sam High Crane. Drum group was the Kiukanpi singers.

Local family members remembered and honored Eldon Menard, Tyrone Head, Bill Menard, Cornell Jack Menard, Kelly Star Chief, Sr., Robert Beauchman, Morris Kills In Sight, Clarence Menard, Sr., Michael Menard, Clarence Menard, Jr., James Menard, Noah Kills In Sight,



The Kiukanpi Singers rendered the songs for the wakte wagli waci in Spring Creek. (Photos by Vi Wain)

Orville Kills In Sight and Vernal Kills In Sight.

Also Francis Kills In Water, Charlie Kills In Water, Melvin Little Shield, Art Marshall, Garfield Marshall, Rocky Makes Room For Them, Rolland Makes Room For Them, John Poorman, Jr., Norman Red Bird, Jake Swift Hawk, Paul Swift Hawk, Peter Swift Hawk, Clifford White Eyes, Brent Walking Eagle, Dallas Walking Eagle, Harvey Walking Eagle and Lloyd Walking Eagle, Sr..

Also Daniel White Hat, Marlon Reginald White Hat, Percy Left Hand Bull, Adam Marshall, Frank Makes Room For Them, Sr.,

Nellie Little Dever, Arlene His Blue Horse, Noah Little, Jr. Alou Red Bird, Stanley Red Bird, Jr., Mona Boneshirt, Myron Boneshirt, Parker Boneshirt, Henry Quick Bear, Jesse Kills In Water, Jesse Eagle Deer, Pauline Boneshirt Hacker and Eustace Night Shield.

Also Bill Small Bear, Aurelia Walking Eagle, Lloyd Walking Eagle, Jr., Coraleen Branth, Noah Little, Jr., Narcisse Eagle Deer, Noah Kayo Eagle Deer, Germain White Eyes, Duane Hollow Horn Bear, Levi Turning Bear, Emery Elk Looks Back, Myles Marshall, Daniel Cash and Nathan McNutte.

Rockyford School students participate in Red Ribbon week



ROCKYFORD — Rockyford Elementary students participated in Red Ribbon week awareness events last week. Duane Reichert, rodeo clown from New Underwood, came to spread his drug and alcohol free message with the students. His rodeo clown act and message was the kick off for the annual Red Ribbon Week.

Vic Camp, an Oglala Lakota College student and a Rockyford parent, came to school and set up a tipi and explained the meaning of each aspect of the

procedure. He also included a message for the students to stay in school and remain drug and alcohol free.

The Rockyford Student Council worked hard during the week to spread the message of a drug and alcohol free live. They made a large poster with every hand print in the school as a signature to be Drug and Alcohol free. Each day they visited the classrooms to remind the students of their pledge. The week was culminated with a red, white and blue balloon release.



Duane Reichert, rodeo clown, entertained students and spoke to them on drug and alcohol awareness. Vic Camp, worked with students on setting up a tipi and the meaning of how the tipi is set up to positive life skills. (Photos courtesy of Gayle Lundens)

Veterans from B1

61. PFC. Kimberly F. Long Soldier, Army, Ft. Riley, KS, Charles & Eileen Long Soldier

62. LCPL Dustin Cottier, Marine, Japan, Craig Dillon & Bonnie Cottier

63. Pvt. Richard Cummings Jr., Army, Richard Cummings Sr.

64. Mario Hart, Navy, Kuwait, Marty Hart & Alfreda Stewart

65. PFC. John Around Him Jr., Army, Kuwait, John Around Him Sr. & Linda Last Horse

66. PVT. Crystal Brings Him Back, SDANG, Ellsworth/AFB, Fred & Velma Brings Him Back Sr.

67. SGT. Lisa White Face, A.N.G, Ft. Carson, CO/AFB, Barney White Face & Lenora Apple

68. Robert Red Eagle, Navy, IRAQ, Patricia Red Eagle

69. Lisa Shot w/Two Arrows, Army, Co. Springs, Maxine Charging Thunder

70. Jason Brave Heart, Marine, Betty Brave Heart

71. Raymond Cahoun, Army, Fay Thunder Bull-Lone Hill

72. Hans Christensen, Marine, James & Amanda Christensen

73. Margo Christensen, Air Force, James & Amanda Christensen

74. Eddie Cuny, Air Force, Benard Cuny & Ellen Ferguson

75. Nathan Cuny, Air Force, Markus Cuny

76. Hilda Clifford-Diaz, Army, Phyllis Ruff & Rueben Clifford

77. Paul Giago, Army N.G, Loretta Giago

78. Bill Gourd, Army N.G, Rose Thunder Bull-White Face

79. Eldrine Grinnell, Marines, Dennis Grinnell

80. Fred Grinnell, Marines, Dennis Grinnell

81. Inez Haas, Navy, John Hass & Marie Goggles

82. Latonya Harvey, Army N.G, Tom Harvey & Sally O'Rourke

83. Robert Hatfield, Army, Jean Bedell

84. Darla Janis, Navy, Phinette Lone Hill& Gilbert Janis

85. Neil Janis, Army, Lisa Ferguson & Nick Janis

86. Joseph Legros, Air Force, David Legros

87., Nicole Little White Man, Army, Stanley & Phinette Little Whiteman

88. Ramon Marufo, Marine, Angie Poor Bear

89. Charla Morrison, Marine, Chris Morrison & Connie Blue Legs

90. Elisa Morrison, Army, Chris Morrison & Connie Blue Legs

91. Howard Rooks, Army, Lorenzo Rooks & Norma Groaning Bear

92. Brandon Scherick, Navy, Harlen & Jan Scherick

93. Timothy Stover, Air Force, Russell Stover & Betty Bull Bear

94. Lula Tail, Army, Delbert Tail Sr. & Dorothy Protector

95. Cecelia Tallman, Army, Wilma Tallman

96. Morgan Tibbitts, Navy, Marty Tibbitts & Donita Janis/LWM

97. Duane West, Army, Dave & Charmaine West

98. Jacob West, Army, Dave & Charmaine West

99. Steven White Lance, Army, Francis & Suzanne White Lance

100. Gladys Montileaux, Army, Larry & Matilda Montileaux

101. PVT Oitancan Mani Zephier, Army, Warren Giago Sr. & Twila Zephier

102. Staff Sgt. James A. Richards, Army, Ft. Carson, CO/Kuwait-2nd , Clifford Richards

103. Richard O'Rourke, Navy, Kuwait, Charles O' Rourke

104. Austin White, Army, Afghanistan, Joe White Bear Claws & Donna White

105. Edsel Deon Jr., Navy, San Diego, Edsel Deon Sr

106. Airman. Joe Donnell, Air Force, Norfolk, VA, Vern & Mary Donnell

Blue Bird officially retires

Staff Sergeant Theresa Maria Blue Bird of Allen will officially retire from active duty with the 82d Airborne Division on December 31, after serving for more than 20 years. Blue Bird is the mother of three, LaFawn Janis, Edmund Wilkes Jr. and Terri Chittenden.



Top: "I went through a lot of effort to find a fellow Oglala Sioux, now seargent Cody Pourier from porcupine. He was guarding Iraqis. We are both carrying M4 rifles." saida Sgt. Blue Bird Bottom: SSG Duane Bowen (Arikara/Hidatsa/Mandan), Jackie Blue Bird, and adopted mother Mrs. Audrey West Houser (Cheyenne Eagle Butte).

107. Jennifer Donnell, Air Force, Sioux Falls AFB, Vern & Mary Donnell

108. Airman Joe Red Willow, Air Force, Mc Dill AFB, FL, Jim & Francine Red Willow

109. Brian Sitting Up, Marine IRAQ, May Standing Bear-White Bull

110. Chris Bettelyoun, Army, Charlotte Bettelyoun

111. Ryan White Bull, Army, Kosovo, George & Maude White Bull

112. Lloyd Red Kettle, Army, Ft. Carson, CO/Japan, Norma Red Kettle

113. Bryant High Horse Jr., Army, Ft. Drum, NY, Bryant High Horse Sr.

114. Larry Romero, Army, Ft. Polk, LA

115. Floyd Long Soldier, Army

116. Melissa Brown Bull, Army

117. Israel Black Bear, Marines

118. Vernal White Woman Jr, Navy, IRAQ, Vernal & Thomasine White Woman

119. SGT. Myron D. Tapio MarinesFt. Knox, KY

Marty Tapio & Mary Joe Clifford

120. Daniel Bear Runner, Navy, IRAQ, Roberta Ecoffey

121. CPL Kelli R. Apan, Marine San Diego, Eugene & Patti War Bonnet

122. CPT Mary Witt, Army, Ft. Sam Houston, TX, Nate & Eva Witt

123. Sgt. Issac Swift Bird, Army, IRAQ, Chuck & Laura Swift Bird

124. CPL. Danielle Under Baggage, Army, Ft. Hood, Texas, Norman & Vernona Under Baggage

125. Sgt. James Jumping Eagle, A.N.G, IRAQ, Oliver & Marjorie Jumping Eagle

126. PFC. Rachel Dreamer, Army, Washington, D.C, Al

Dreamer Sr. & Delores Red Shirt

127. Patrick Fire Thunder, Army, Persian Gulf, Lloyd Fire Thunder

128. J.T Cornelius, Army, Ft. Riley, John Cornelius Sr.

129. Dorothy American Horse, Marine, Hawaii, Donald American Horse

130. Crystal American Horse, Army, Hawaii, Donald American Horse

131. Lorena Perkins, Army, Kuwait, Beth Perkins

132. Sgt Robert Hernandez, Army, Kuwait, Fern Hernandez

133. Sgt 1st Class Jody L. Bird Head, Army, Ft Leonard wood, MS, Dorothy Tobacco

134. Theresa Blue Bird, Army, Ft. Bragg. N.C, Lenora Lamont-Blue Bird & George Blue Bird Sr.

135. PFC. Anthony Oglesby White Head, Army, Kuwait, Joanne Black Feather-White Head

136. Jennifer Arment, Navy, Pearl Harbor, HI, Steve & Debbie Johnson

137. Michelle Arment, Navy, Port Smouth, VA, Steve & Debbie Johnson

138. SPC. Myranda Herman, Army, Ft. Leavenworth, KS/Korea, Becky Alberts

139. PFC Lee Gerry, Army, Ft Lewis, WA, Robin White

140. Rebekkah Two Bulls, Army, Honolulu, HI, Roxanne Two Bulls & Gerald Sherman

141. Megan Beckwith, A.N.G, Sturgis, S.D, Jim Beckwith-Barbara Rock

142. Bryanne Paschell-Spragg, Army, L.A, Charles Paschell

143. Charlene Iron Rope, Army, IRAQ, Bob & Betty Jones

144. Charles Comes Killing Jr., Air Force, Offutt A.F.B, Charles Comes Killing Sr.

145. Connie Emery, Army, Germany, Raymond & Janis

Emery

146. Cory Winkleman, Army, Korea, Kim Winkleman

147. Marty Lynn Janis, Army, Bertha Janis

148. Pvt. Mato Sapa Richards, Army, Ft. Hood, TX, Burl Richards & Jeannette Peoples

149. Sgt. Arvella Hernandez-Quicho, Army, Hawaii, James Hernandez-Beverly Colhoff

150. Verlyn Garnier, Army, Ft. Lewis WA, Louise Jumping Eagle

151. Stephan Red Bow Jr., Navy Seal, Norfolk, VA, Annie Red Bow (cousin)

152. Steven Kills Small, Army

154. Reno Red Cloud Jr., Marines, Fawn Conroy & Reno Red Cloud Sr.

155. Fred Afraid of Bear, Army , Kathy and Fred Afraid of Bear Sr.

156. Terrence Dubray, Army, Debbie Mousseau & Terrence Dubray Sr.

Active Military Personnel from the Rosebud Indian Reservation

1. Richard O'Rourke
2. Michael Shields Him
3. Darrin Lunderman
4. Michael Murphy
5. Willard Henry Jr.
6. Russell Eagle Bear III
7. Kathy Owens-Prue
8. Tim Dorian
9. Orlando Boneshirt
10. Myron T. Leroy
11. Bobbi Jo Mooney
12. Pete Reynolds r.
13. Christopher Sully
14. Nate Livermont
15. Nigel Eagle Pipe
16. William Murray
17. Jacquelynn White Hat
18. Anthony Eagle Elk
19. Donna Brave Boy
20. Tiffany Hooker
21. David Eagle Bear
22. Wiltoya Cloudman
23. Iver Crow Eagle III
24. William Kindle Jr.
25. Lonzo Smith Jr.
26. Elizabeth Hardy
27. Isreal Black Bear
28. Charles Mack
29. Claude Prue
30. Anthony Oglesby
31. Jamie Knox
32. Frannie Joe Rattling Leaf
33. Gilbert Rattling Leaf
34. Mark Witt
35. Mina Witt
36. Celeste M. Peneaux
37. Dion Reynolds
38. Aloysius Nick Good Shield
39. Dwayne Young
40. Jeremy Sisk
41. Illiana Eagle Elk
42. James Eagleman
43. Joshua Fast Horse-Half Moon
44. Darrell Whipple Jr.
45. Dennis Quigley
46. Charles Little Dog
47. Robert J. Kills in Water
48. Richard Chasing Hawk
49. Justin Curley
50. Wenda Wright
51. Brian Douville
52. Marshall Totten
53. Mark Cozad
54. John Leroy
55. Eugene Watts
56. Christopher Nagel
57. Grey Hawk Oliver
58. John Hienert
59. Dion Stands Jr.
60. Troylynn Waln
61. Ben Black Bear III
62. Mable Packard
63. Monica Burnette
64. Jermaine Browning
65. Charles Zack Black Bear Jr.
66. Darla Lemay-Engle
67. Jenny Tucker Nest
68. Jessie J. Tucker
69. Jonathan Dean Marshall
70. Timothy Moore
71. Valerie Brave
72. Deanne Eagle Horse
73. Nacho Win Leigh Menard
74. Bernadette Kills Plenty

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Crazy Horse's Brewer to coach both boys and girls again

LeBeau steps down at Pine Ridge

By Tom Crash
Special to the *Lakota Times*

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION — "During one stretch last year, it was 11 games in 12 days, that was grueling but you know, I just love the game," said Chuck Brewer when asked about coaching both the girls and the boys basketball teams at Crazy Horse last year.

Brewer is back at Crazy Horse in Wanblee and is getting ready to once again coach both the girls and boys basketball teams this winter. Last year Brewer was one of three coaches on Pine Ridge that took on the double duty challenge of both the boys and girls. Tuffy Lunderman coached both at Little Wound and Dusty LeBeau directed both teams at Pine Ridge.

This year, Brewer will be the only one to take on the challenge of both. Lunderman has moved from his dean of student's position at Little Wound High School to the athletic director position and will coach the girls basketball team only. LeBeau decided early on to pass on the girl's position and just last week decided to step down from the boy's position to provide support for his wife Tess as she recovers from a long illness. Dusty and Tess will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on Saturday.

"The hardest part last year was having enough energy for doubleheaders, you couldn't pace yourself, you just had to be as strong as possible for both games," said Brewer; "I enjoyed the two practices each day, I love to practice and teach."

Lunderman really enjoyed the challenge, we have only one facility and we are locked into the practice time but more than anything you just don't have enough time to get it all done.

"In order to coach both teams you have to have a good support staff, you have to put a lot of trust into your assistant coaches and feel confident that the things that need to get done actually get done," said Lunderman.

"You don't realize how draining the work can be, after the season, I was exhausted, both mentally and physically, I slept a lot," added Lunderman who admitted he would like to do it again. "You have to be healthy to do it and if I was 30 instead of pushing 60 it



Dusty LeBeau



Matt Rama



Chuck Brewer

would be different."

Brewer enjoyed traveling with both the teams and made the boys wait for the girls to get off the bus and chuckled as he demanded the girls go first in line at McDonalds.

"Last year we had a couple of conflicts where my assistant, Terry Romero, coached the girls against St. Francis and I coached the boys against Custer during LNI and later on in the season I coached the girls against Marty at home and Terry went to Dupree with the boys," said Brewer.

Describing himself as married to the gym, Brewer admitted that it was easier for him being single and that it kept him out of trouble.

Darby Steele will coach the girls at Pine Ridge this year, no one has been selected yet for the boy's coaching position at Pine Ridge. Matt Rama returns for his second year as head boy's coach at Red Cloud while Ben Winters moves from assistant to head coach for the girls at Red Cloud. Bill Ricketts is set for the boy's head coach position at Little Wound in Kyle.

Williston's Big Crow steps up in Mon/Dak Tourney

Brewer only local coach left doing double duty

By Tom Crash
Special to the *Lakota Times*

BISMARCK, N.D. — The Lady Tetons of Williston State College opened the Mon/Dak Conference Women's Preseason Basketball Tournament with an 84-53 win over Minot State University at Bottineau. The Lady Tetons used aggressive defensive pressure to force 39 turnovers in picking up their fourth straight win to open the season.

Laura Big Crow knocked down 14 points and grabbed four rebounds in the opening game at United Tribes in Bismarck. Tate Locust added 11 points.

In the second game on Friday, Big Crow led all scorers with 27 points on a 13 for 17 shooting night but it just wasn't enough as eventual tournament champion, Bismarck State knocked Williston from the unbeaten ranks with a 95-82 win. Locust chipped in six points in the Lady Tetons first loss of the young season.

On Saturday, in the third place game, Lake Region State College from Devil's Lake, N.D., went out to an early lead on Williston State, led 45-36 at the half, withstood a furious Lady Teton run that closed the gap to 54-52 and cruised to a 87-64 third place win. Big Crow was one of only two Lady Tetons in double figures with 12 points, Locust added four points.

Bismarck State defeated North Dakota State College of Science-Wahpeton 76-58 for the championship. Miles Community College trounced Dawson Community College 101-59 for fifth and Bottineau downed host United Tribes for seventh.

Williston finished fourth in the Mon/Dak preseason tournament. They are now 4-2 on the season and travel to Powell, WY to play Western Wyoming on Friday and Northwest College on Saturday.

Basketball notes:

Ray Taken Alive, a freshman from McLaughlin, scored 10 points for Augustana College in their exhibition game against Division I Rice and added two threes for six points Monday night in Augie's opening season win over Dickinson State in Sioux Falls.

Mackenzie Casey, a freshman



Top: Laura Big Crow, Williston State, makes her move.

Bottom: Tate Locust, Williston State, goes strong to the basket.

(Photos courtesy Williston Herald)

at South Dakota State University chipped in four points and three assists during 20 minutes of playing time in SDSU's exhibition win over Concordia/St. Paul Saturday night in Brookings.

Amber Sierra, Little Wound graduate, made the women's basketball team at Otero Junior College in LaJunta, Colo.

Students sue over alleged abuse at boarding school

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Lawsuits filed in state courts in July seek damages from the Catholic Dioceses of Sioux Falls and Rapid City, Blue Cloud Abbey and other religious orders for students who say they were abused at Indian boarding

schools decades ago.

Religious organizations, most of them Catholic, ran the schools on the reservations from the late 1800s until the 1970s, when the remaining ones were transferred to tribal control.

In April 2003, a lawsuit filed against the federal government in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C., argued that the boarding school system tried to wipe out Indian culture. It asks for \$25 billion in damages on behalf of students at Indian boarding schools across the country, including South Dakota.

More than 50 former students at St. Paul's School in Marty and 16 from St. Francis Mission School on the Rosebud Reservation filed the lawsuits in Sioux Falls and Rapid City.

The former students allege that they were beaten and mistreated. Some say they were sexually abused at the schools.

The plaintiffs say church officials were negligent in hiring and supervising staff at the schools and failed to protect the students from abuse.

Blue Cloud monks staffed the St. Paul's. The monks continued to have a pastoral presence at the school for years after the school was transferred to the tribes.

Abbot Thomas Hillenbrand of Blue Cloud Abbey has said he



doesn't know if the allegations are true, but the monks have a responsibility to heal anyone who's hurting.

Father George Lyon, a Blue Cloud monk, spent 17 years at Indian boarding schools. He said he recognizes one or two of the names on the lawsuit as former students. The lawsuit lists no dates nor names of priests and monks suspected of the offenses, he said.

"It's a very general accusation," he said. "It's really hard to pin it down."

Madonna Archambeau, tribal chairwoman for the Yankton Sioux Tribe, attended the Benedictines' St. Paul's School in Marty. "I would say they did good," she said.

The first judge to rule on a lawsuit alleging widespread abuse at Native American boarding schools has dismissed the claim.

Lawyers for the former students on South Dakota reservations, says the ruling simply means the lawsuit will be re-filed against the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The students say they were sexually, physically and mentally abused by Catholic priests and nuns who ran the schools during much of the 20th century. Their legal team will use a treaty from the 1800s to try to prove the case.

The new lawsuit will be filed next month. It will ask for 25 billion dollars in damages. The students are also suing the Catholic church.



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Gerald Benedict “Soup” Agard

McLAUGHLIN — Gerald Benedict “Soup” Agard, Mahto-cha-nu-pa, 53, McLaughlin, died Nov. 10, in McLaughlin. Visitation was Monday, Nov. 15, at Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge. A wake service was Nov. 15 at Rock Creek Grant School Gym in Bullhead. Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the gym, with the Rev. Kerry Prendiville officiating. Burial was at St. Aloysius Catholic Church Cemetery in Bullhead.

Albert T. Wilcox

RAPID CITY — Albert T. Wilcox, 62, Rapid City, died Wednesday, Nov. 10 in Rapid City. He served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include one son, Marvis Bad Cob, Wanblee; one daughter, Mavis Wilcox, Wanblee; one brother, William Wilcox, Rapid City; three sisters, Geneva Gonzalez, Rapid City, Zona Brown, Pine Ridge, and Florence Wilcox, Denver; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A wake service was Sunday, Nov. 14, at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee and a second night wake was Monday, Nov. 15, at Mother Butler Center in Rapid City. Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Mother Butler Center. Burial was at noon Tuesday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge and Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home of Rapid City were in charge of arrangements.

Clement Looking Back

LITTLE EAGLE — Clement Looking Back, 38, Little Eagle, died Sunday, Nov. 7, at Medical Center One Hospital in Bismarck, N.D. Visitation was Friday, Nov. 12, with a prayer at Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge. Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 13, at Elk Horn Congregational Church in Little Eagle, with the Rev. Leslie Bobtail Bear, the Rev. Harvey Schmeichel and the Rev. Dana Covey officiating. Burial was at the church cemetery.

Desmond J. Red Star

PINE RIDGE — Desmond J. Red Star, 22, Pine Ridge, died Sunday, Nov. 7, in Lincoln, Neb. Survivors include his parents, Lina Long, Lincoln, and the Rev. James Jumping Eagle, Minneapolis; his stepfather, Darwin Long Sr., Porcupine; one brother, Darwin Long Jr., Yankton; and four sisters, Jennifer Long and Vanessa Long, both of Pine Ridge, and Goldie Long and Desert Long, both of Lincoln. A two-night wake was Nov. 11, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Services were Saturday, Nov. 13, at Billy Mills Hall, with the Rev. Abraham Tobacco officiating. Burial was at the Holy Cross Episcopal Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Diana Rae Turgeon-Bordeaux

ABERDEEN — Diana Rae Turgeon-Bordeaux, 60, Aberdeen, died Saturday, Nov. 6, at her home. Survivors include her husband, William Bordeaux, Aberdeen; her mother, Beulah Turgeon, Mission;

and six stepchildren. Memorial services were Thursday, Nov. 11, at Sandoz Chapel of the Pines in Valentine, Neb. The family prefers memorials to North Plains Hospice. Carlsen Funeral Home and Crematory of Aberdeen was in charge of arrangements.

Alexis Y. Waters

PINE RIDGE — Alexis Y. Waters, infant, Pine Ridge, was stillborn Monday, Nov. 1, in Pine Ridge. Survivors include her parents, Jeremy Waters and Leslie Pond, both of Pine Ridge; one brother, Tyrell Pond, Pine Ridge; her maternal grandmother, Edie Bissonette, Pine Ridge; and her paternal grandparents, Charles Waters and Charlene Roberts, both of Pine Ridge. Services will be Nov. 10 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Ridge, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at Holy Rosary Mission Catholic Cemetery in Pine Ridge. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Norma Lone Elk

OGLALA — Norma Lone Elk, 63, Oglala, died Nov. 10 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include her sons, James Lone Elk, Jr. and Wade Lone Elk, both of Oglala; her daughters, Loretta Lone Elk of Oglala and Charlotte Lone Elk of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother Francis He Crow of Pine Ridge and 12 grandchildren. Wake services were Nov. 14 at the Brother Rene Catholic Hall in Oglala. Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 15 at the Catholic Hall with Rev. Asa Wilson officiating. Burial was at the Makasan Presbyterian Church in Oglala. Funeral arrangements were with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

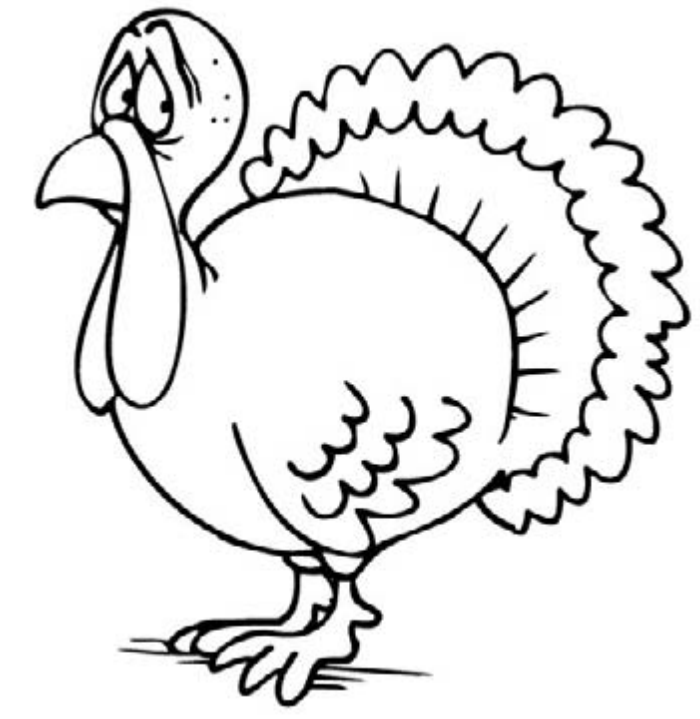
Thomas E. Rock

PINE RIDGE — Thomas E. Rock, 41, of Pine Ridge, died Nov. 12 at Pine Ridge. Survivors include a sister Marcia Rock of Rapid City and two brothers Myron Rock Jr. of Rapid City and Lloyd Two Crow of Kyle. A wake service will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18 at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Funeral services will be 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19 at Billy Mills Hall with the Rev. Ben Tyon officiating and traditional Lakota services by Wilmer Mesteth. Burial will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Funeral arrangements are with Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

John Fraser

PORCUPINE — John Fraser, 54 of Porcupine, died Nov. 12 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include is wife Lois “Chick” Fraser of Porcupine; five sons Vincent Fraser, of Kyle, Jeremie Fraser, of Chadron, Neb.; Lucas Fraser, Casey Fraser and Rocky Fraser, all of Porcupine; daughters Betty Walton, of Pine Ridge, Raeona Fraser, Aurora, Colo., Jodie Fraser, of Porcupine. Sisters Alberta Clinchers and Roberta Woman Dress, both of Rapid City and 11 grandchildren. A one night wake service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Porcupine School. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19 at the Porcupine School with Rev. Rob Kroll, S.J. officiating. Burial will be at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Cemetery at Rockyford. Funeral arrangements are by Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

LWS kindergarten students know how to cook a turkey



KYLE — Little Wound Elementary School’s kindergarten classes had discussions on how they would cook a turkey and wanted to share those responses. Mrs. Norma Brown Bull class: students are Alfredo Anaya-Fool Head, Sage Arpan , Adam Brown, Taylor Christensen, Katelyn Clifford, Tasia Featherman, Chantee Ferguson, Colt Fisher, Adrianna Fool Head, Robert Gay, Johnny Janis, Jordan Janis, Josephine Janis, Raelynn Old Horse, Tyrone Pourier-Garnette, Alyssa Pretty Weasel, Keane Pretty Weasel, Kylie Valandra. How to Cook a turkey: Shoot the turkey Spin it around Grab a spatula and burn the juice out Cook it in the stove for 5 days or 5 minutes Take it out to the stove Put it at the table and pop it, then you eat it

Ms. Eunice Lavaldo class: students are Sayvon Chasing Hawk, Sybil Clifford, Leslie Cuny, Paul Cuny, Ash Featherman, Doreen Rebecca Hunter, Michael Janis, Kaylee Lamont, Yvonne Loafer, Jesse Red Feather, Bryce Red Owl, Shay Red Owl, Ivan Reddest-Jack, Terrance Richards, Jayden Richards, Ta’mya Running


Hawk How to cook a turkey: Stove to cook turkey Grab a turkey form hunting Take the feathers off with a knife Clean the turkey with water Dry off the turkey Put the turkey on a plate and put in microwave oven for ten mutes Cut the turkey and put salt and pepper, ketchup, mustard and vegetables with pizza and bread. Mrs. Gulbranson class: students are Ty Apple, Emma Around Him, Palani Bull Bear-Gardipe, Helena Fool Head , Jesse Gay, Wakinyan, Tolin Gregg, David Herman, Dalando Janis, Rose Jumping Eagle, Kimimila Menard, Marissa Mesteth, Michael Richards, Kieran Takes War Bonnett, Brent Tallman, Tristen Whirlwind Horse How to cook a turkey: In a stove you cook it in the stove cook it in the stove you put it in the oven with a stove put it in the oven and turn it up you cook it with a bowl put it on a paper and turn it up Cook the turkey, first you put it on paper

Janklow’s appeal to be heard by supreme court this week

MITCHELL — Five judges will hear oral arguments this week in Bill Janklow’s appeal of his manslaughter conviction. It’s one of the cases being heard by the South Dakota Supreme Court this week at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. Because Janklow appointed all five justices at some point in their careers, five circuit court judges will hear the case. Janklow wants them to overturn his conviction for an August 2003 accident near Trent that killed Randy Scott of Hardwick, Minnesota. His lawyers say the prosecution should not have been allowed to tell jurors that



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Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Appointment of Administrator has been filed with this Court for the issuance of Letters of Administration thereon to Frances Dennis Quigley; and that on November 22, 2004 at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Pat Donovan, in the Courthouse in Rosebud, Todd County, South Dakota, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing on said Petition, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

The names of the heirs of said deceased as shown by said Petition are as above stated. Said Petition, on file as aforesaid, is referred to for further particulars.

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THANKSGIVING SPECIAL

If you are creating the Thanksgiving meal this year, here are some favorites that can help make the meal special.

Scalloped Corn

1 Cup evaporated milk
2 cups cracker crumbs, finely rolled
2 eggs, beaten
2 cans cream style corn
Combine all ingredients. Pour into a greased dish, dot with butter and salt and pepper to taste. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups Sweet Potatoes, boiled drain well and mashed
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup SELF-RISING flour
½ cup melted butter (1 stick)
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1-cup coconut flakes
½ cup raisins
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1-teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ cup heavy cream

1 can crushed pineapple (drained)
¼ Tsp. Cinnamon
¼ Tsp. Nutmeg

For the topping, in a bowl combine the brown sugar, nuts, flour and ¼ cup of the melted butter, stir together with a fork; set aside. In a large mixing bowl combine sweet potatoes, sugar coconut, raisins, eggs and vanilla and cream. Put in large greased casserole dish. Sprinkle the topping on and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Sausage Dressing

1-pound sausage
6 slices of bread torn into cubes (1")
1-cup milk
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
¼ tsp sage

Tear breadcrumbs into large bowl. Add milk a little at a time until they are moist. DO NOT MIX. By hand mix, in the sausage. Add the spices, and mixing as little as possible. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

EASY Pecan Pie

3 eggs
2/3-cup sugar
1 tsp salt
1 cup white Karo Syrup
1/3 cup melted butter
1-cup pecans

Beat all together. Pour into raw pastry crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes. Let cool well before serving.

Turkey

Cooking the Thanksgiving turkey can be as easy or difficult as one wishes these days. I remember cooking my first turkey when I forgot to take the giblets out before roasting. When my sister cooked her first turkey she did not have anything to sew it shut, so she used straight pins. Through the cooking process the turkey expanded and the straight pins were distributed throughout the turkey in unpredictable places, making it very dangerous to eat. I have also sat around for hours waiting for the turkey to get done.

Now days, I order a fresh turkey (one that has never been frozen.) I think the taste is a lot better, juicier, and many times in the past my frozen turkey was not completely thawed by the time I got ready to cook it. I also put my turkey in the night before and cook it on low heat (200 degrees until morning). In the morning, depending on the size and need to finish the cooking, I turn the temp up until it is roasted off. This is NOT the recommended method of cooking a turkey

according to the USDA. The Food Safety and Inspection Service recommends the following:

The following is copied from: Food Safety and Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250-3700

Turkey Basics: Safe Cooking Roasting Instructions

Set the oven temperature no lower than 325 °F. Preheating the oven is not necessary.

Place turkey on a rack in a roasting pan.

For safety and uniform doneness of the turkey, cook stuffing separately in a casserole. Use a food thermometer to check that the internal temperature of the stuffing has reached 165 °F.

If you choose to stuff a turkey, you must use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey and the stuffing. The temperature of a whole turkey must reach 180 °F in the innermost part of the thigh and the center of the stuffing must reach 165 °F. If the stuffing has not reached 165 °F, continue cooking the turkey until the stuffing reaches 165 °F.

If the turkey has a "pop-up" temperature indicator, it is also recommended that a food thermometer be used to test in several places, including the innermost part of the thigh and the center of the stuffing.

When cooking only a turkey breast, the internal temperature should reach 170 °F.

Many factors can affect the roasting time of a whole turkey:

A frozen or partially frozen

turkey takes longer to cook than a completely thawed turkey.

A turkey will cook faster in a dark roasting pan.

The depth and size of the pan can affect heat circulation to all areas of the turkey.

The use of a foil tent for the entire cooking time can slow cooking.

Putting a lid on the roasting pan speeds up cooking.

An oven cooking bag will shorten cooking time.

A stuffed turkey will take longer to cook than an unstuffed turkey.

Ovens may heat unevenly.

The oven rack position can have an effect on even cooking and heat circulation.

Optional steps:

Tuck wing tips back under shoulders of turkey.

Add 1/2 cup water to the bottom of the pan.

A tent of aluminum foil may be placed loosely over the turkey for the first 1 to 1 1/2 hours, then removed for browning. Or, a tent of foil may be placed over the turkey after the turkey reaches the desired golden brown.

For quality, you may choose to let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing the stuffing and carving.

APPROXIMATE COOKING TIMES

Time charts are based on fresh or completely thawed turkeys at a refrigerator temperature of 40 °F or below. Frozen or partially thawed turkeys will take longer to cook. The cooking time for a frozen turkey will take at least 50 percent longer than the time recommended for a fully thawed turkey. These

cooking times are guidelines only. Use a food thermometer to determine safe doneness.

UNSTUFFED
4 to 6 lbs. breast...1 1/2 to 2 1/4 hrs.
6 to 8 lbs. breast...2 1/4 to 3 1/4 hrs.
8 to 12 lbs • .2 3/4 to 3 hrs.
12 to 14 lbs • .3 to 3 3/4 hrs.
14 to 18 lbs • .3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hrs.
18 to 20 lbs. • .4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hrs.
20 to 24 lbs • .4 1/2 to 5 hrs.
STUFFED
8 to 12 lbs • .3 to 3 1/2 hrs.
12 to 14 lbs. • .3 1/2 to 4 hrs.
14 to 18 lbs • .4 to 4 1/4 hrs.
18 to 20 lbs • .4 1/4 to 4 3/4 hrs.
20 to 24 lbs • .4 3/4 to 5 1/4 hrs.

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Yo Awards Banquet "Twisters" (Photo by Anna Bee)

YO rewards youth achievers

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE – More than 200 people gathered for the annual youth awards banquet in the Pine Ridge Middle School gym-

nasium on Nov. 17 to celebrate and remember.

The theme was the late 50s and the decorations were fun and reminiscent of the swinging times of the late 50s. Elvis decorated the backdrop above the stage, and

the waitresses were early teens dressed in crinoline underlined skirts, who danced the twist at fun intervals while people waited for their food. The fair included hamburgers, fries, chili dogs, root beer floats,

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Whiteclay liquor application withdrawn

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

RUSHVILLE, Neb. – A Chadron man who sought to obtain a liquor license to open a new liquor establishment in Whiteclay, Neb. has withdrawn his application.

At a hearing on Monday at the Sheridan County Courthouse in Rushville, the county commissioners were to hear the request for a liquor license from Thomas Bernard of Chadron.

According to Mark Vasina, president of Nebraskans for Peace, Sheridan County Commissioner Lewis Abold made a motion to pass the liquor license request which was seconded by commissioner Vernon Platt, just prior to Bernard's request to withdraw his application.

Bernard's withdrawal came as a result of a recent decision by Lancaster County District Judge Jeffrey Chevront which overturned an April decision of



Thomas Bernard

the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission denying Jason Schwarting an application for a license to reopen Arrowhead Inn.

Jason Schwarting is the son of Don Schwarting previous owner of Arrowhead Inn who had his liquor license revoked after he was convicted of a felony for selling cars without a license.

According to an Associated Press release by Scott Bauer, the younger Schwarting applied for the license but was denied on

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Rural Water focuses on completing project and getting water to people

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE – The Oglala Sioux Tribe is the main sponsor of the Mni Wiconi Project, one of the largest water projects in the nation, which will eventually bring water from the Mni Soce (Missouri) to more than 55,000 people living in western South Dakota.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Rural Water Supply System, whose main offices are located in Kyle, is responsible for maintaining the main core line and operates the water treatment plant located in Ft. Pierre.

The other sponsors for the Mni Wiconi Project are the West River/Lyman Jones, Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. Each of the other sponsors is responsible for development of the pipeline on their land.

According to Duane Brewer, Director of the OST Rural Water Supply System much of the pipeline is already in the ground and has been completed as far as Wanblee Junction.

He said pipelines have already been laid on the reservation from Kyle to Red Shirt Table which currently access water from American Horse Creek.

But in order to complete the Mni Wiconi project by 2008, Brewer said \$35 million a year is needed.

The project was funded



\$22 million last year, but this year a bill for \$18.3 million passed the House and is awaiting Senate approval.

Brewer said Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) asked for an appropriation of \$30 million, but if Congress passes the \$18.3 million; the 2008 completion date cannot be met.

Currently 104 households on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are still waiting for access to running water.

In addition to the cut-backs in funding for the Mni Wiconi Project, OST Rural Water also faced a notice that they had been placed on "High Risk" status according to a letter sent to OST President John Steele from Kimball Banks from the Bureau of Reclamation.

"This letter is to notify that the OST that the Bureau of Reclamation considers the OST to be a high risk grantee with respect to the OSRWSS Construction Project and Operations and Maintenance Programs," the letter states.

According to the letter the OST had sanctions imposed upon them including having all indirect costs withheld and forfeited, advance contract funds on a monthly basis upon receipt of monthly expendi-

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Rosebud Sioux Tribe takes an aggressive approach to preventing diabetes

By Natasha D. Bordeaux
RST Diabetes Prevention Public Relations Specialist

ROSEBUD — In the last year of a seven year grant, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Diabetes Prevention Program has begun one of the most significant projects ever undertaken by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe – one that aims to reclaim the health and quality of life of its people.

Through prevention and education the RST DPP has taken on the overwhelming task of trying to prevent an entire generation from developing diabetes.

They are doing that in two ways – by identifying and working with youth that show high risk factors for developing diabetes, and by opening up their prevention program facilities and resources for adult and elderly use.

Eight years ago, at the urging of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council and tribal members, the program directed its

efforts to prevention of diabetes in youth.

"They said they were tired of research, they said they wanted action," recalls Angel Wilson, Family Nurse Practitioner and Case Manager for RST DPP.

With those words in mind, the RST DPP has done just that. They have created a program that identifies and actively reduces the number of youth with diabetes risk factors by changing their thinking and their behaviors.

It is hoped that the youth's new efforts at regular exercise and healthy food choices will eventually become a way of life.

The RST DPP screened 2,869 children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, and found 67 percent 1,916 children were at high risk for developing diabetes.

Fortunately, RST DPP has made it their business to stop those chances dead in their tracks.

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Rita Burning Breast walks on the treadmill as part of her health routine through the Youth Wellness Program.

House and Senate restore budget cuts to BIA, IHS

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bush's recommended tax cuts for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service were overturned Saturday, Nov. 18 when Congress rushed through a \$388 billion government-wide spending bill.

The spending bill includes \$2.3 billion for the BIA, \$232 million for the Office of Special Trustee and \$3 billion for HIS.

A controversial provision within the bill that could give the Appropriations committee the right to examine the tax returns of Americans is expected to be repealed before the bill is ratified. Republicans were embarrassed that this section of the bill was included and some charged the incident highlights the deterioration of a budget writing system that is used in that manner. The provision was drafted by the IRS and inserted into the bill by lower-level House staffers. The spending package is longer than 3,000 pages, which made it difficult for every provision to be read and studied and makes it easy to insert something without anybody knowing about it.

However, in reference to the BIA key items that were ratified in the bill include: \$780 million for tribal priority allocations, which is \$10 million over current levels. Congress restored Bush's cuts to contract support costs and welfare assistance, but not to education under this item. \$579 million for operation of BIA schools, \$9 million over current levels. \$182 million for public safety and justice was allocated, \$10 million above current levels, with extra monies to be allocated for new facilities and maintenance. \$3.5 million for the United Tribes Technical College in North Dakota and \$1.75 million for Crownpoint Institute of Technology in New Mexico. \$267 million for construction of new BIA schools, which is \$38 million increase over the amount Bush request but \$28 million less than current levels.

I.H.S. key improvements in budget allocations included: \$1.3 billion for hospital and health clinic programs, \$57 million over current levels, \$487 million for contract care, \$2.1 billion for clinical services and increase of \$95 million over last year. They allocated \$394 million for facilities which is \$40 million over Bush's request. The Bush

administration asked for cuts in new clinics and hospital construction by shifting more money into sanitation facilities, but Congress restored the money and scaled back the sanitation request.

Congress scaled back resources for the Office of Special Trustee, which tribal leaders say is becoming a bloated bureaucracy. The bill provides \$196 million for trust reform programs, which is an increase of nearly \$9 million over current levels it is \$51 million below the White House's request. Of the \$196 million awarded to OST \$58 million can be used for historical accounting activities and Congress also cut the Indian land consolidation program, a Bush initiative, to \$35 million.

Land and water claim settlements were allocated \$44 million, \$10 million above Bush's request, but still \$10 million less than current levels, and \$14 million to the Zuni Tribe of New Mexico whose water rights claims in Arizona were recently resolved.

Other areas covered \$6 million was provided to the Institute of American Indian Arts in New Mexico, \$173,000 less than current levels, and \$32 million for the National Museum of the American Indian.



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the grounds “that he was not fit or willing to conform to the rules and regulations of the commission based on two prior liquor license law violations.” The commission also believed there was a hidden ownership arrangement with his father.

“Any conclusion that Donald retains ownership in the business would be pure conjecture,” Cheuvront said.

Cheuvront also concluded that there was not sufficient

evidence to find that Jason Schwarting was not of good character or reputation to warrant denial of the license.

Bauer reported that the judge said the main objection to granting Jason Schwarting a liquor license in the first place involved the issue of beer sales in Whiteclay which Cheuvront said should be a decision made by the state legislature not the courts.

“It is clear that there is a

substantial amount of what might be termed political pressure or interest in regard to the issue of liquor sales in Whiteclay present in this case,” Cheuvront said.

The state has 30 days to appeal the decision which according to Herbert Rupe the executive director of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission the commission is considering.

Rural water: *Continued from A1*

tures and narrative reports, a bank account established with both the Reclamation and the OST for each rural water project, prior approval of all payments and documentation for all payments made.

An outside certified public accounting firm was also hired to provide technical assistance to the OST to help rectify problems.

The letter states that the sanctions would remain in effect until the following conditions were met: OST must hire a permanent director, the OST must provide a master plan for all remaining projects for the core pipeline and the on-reservation distribution system, the OST must update their financial, procurement and property management systems, a 2003 audit must be completed and indirect cost rate agreement must be brought up to date.

As to whether or not financial problems would affect the progress of cur-

rent water projects Brewer said, “It slowed the process down,” but said that work hasn’t stopped.

He said many of the problems are being dealt with, the most important being the hiring of a permanent director.

Brewer was hired in September, replacing Acting Director Anita Ecoffey.

In addition to facing financial cutbacks Brewer said obtaining easements was also a long and tedious process.

“If we could get the easement process done faster it would help. The real holdup is contacting people who have title to the land which could include hundreds of people,” he said.

In order to lay pipe across someone’s land he said they must obtain the signature of every person who holds title to that land which can takes years.

Despite financial problems and setbacks, Brewer and all of the staff at OST

Rural Water are determined to continue to work toward the monumental task of bringing good, clean and safe drinking water to some of the most remote parts of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

“There is nothing cheap about putting pipe in the ground, but our focus is to complete this project and get water to everyone,” Brewer said.

“Ikce wicasa, wahutopa, hupsahu koza, na taku to cage ki hena iyuha un wiconi. Wakanyeja, wakankan, oic’iyapi okihi pismi, na teca hena iyohila mni waste cinpi na un nipi. Nakun hunh nahanhci wicatunpismi hena ko.”

“Water is the source of life to the two-legged, four-legged, the plants and the winged. The children, the elderly, the infirm, the young, all need, depend on and deserve good water for survival and for the yet unborn,” Oglala Sioux Tribe Rural Water Supply System Mni Wiconi Project.

YO Banquet: *Continued from A1*

sodas and the like. Entertainment was provided by Will Peters and his acoustic guitar crooned oldies to take you back to those less complicated days.

Jackie Bird entertained with her soft voice and beautiful traditional dress and joined together for with Will Peters to rock out the crowd. The mood was set for recognition of the special people that have worked so hard to create the Youth Opportunity Movement. Project Director, Laticia, “Doni” DeCory talked with earnestness of hard work and dedication from people that had earned that distinction.

Time was also taken to recognize the passing of 31 special youths, who have passed into the spirit world. YO recognized these special ones as guardian angels and as part of their memorial thanked the Creator for having been a part of these wonderful children’s lives. The honored angels are: Charlotte Chipps, Arlin Bissonette, Jeri Plenty Arrows, Casey Belt, Darcell Ten Fingers, Drew Lebeau, Lucien Janis, Nicholas Blacksmith, Lori Kills Crow Indian, Leo Dubray, Wally Thunder Bull, Hope Fire Thunder, Jessie Two Bulls, Thomas Pulliam, Gloria Clifford, Jesse Vasquez, Ashley Rowland, Edsel Standing Bear, Frances Dubray, Jerrod Red Cloud, Sara Little Moon, Toby Eagle Bull, Alex Desersa, Stuart Sits Poor, Jeno Chief, Chuck Bravo, Darvis Helper, Teddy Janis, Robert Brown, Tim Janis, and Derek Bald Eagle.

Out of 3,000 youth enrolled in the YO program the awards indicate the kind of special effort that must be made to be recognized. The Youth of the Year for 2004 are: Lavonne Tobacco from Oglala, Rita Rogers from Eagle Nest, Erlene Tail from Batesland, Shaina Lays Bad from Porcupine, David Whiting from Kyle, Cletus Red Elk from Manderson, Lester Fly from Lacreek, and Antonio White Calf of Pine Ridge.

Volunteers were recognized for their special efforts and contributions: Tiny DeCory, Trudy New Holy, Eileen Janis, Melissa Blacksmith, Fern Gamette and Bill O’connell.

Special Athletic Awards went to the Manderson YO Marathon Runners: Cletus Red Elk, Shawn Red Elk, Wilbur Red Elk, Tina Grass, Lenny Jumping Eagle and Leonard Chase Alone and YO Mentor, Georgine Looks Twice Little Wound Girls and Pine ridge School Summer League Basketball Team were recognized for their outstanding commitment and dedication for the past two years to a summer basketball league. Those recognized from Little Wound were: Sadie In The Woods, Tyann Pourier, Nichelle Red Owl, Whitney Pourier, Amanda Clifford, Shay Janis, Kelsey Brave Eagle, S. Phelps, and coach Tuffy Lunderman. Recognized from Pine Ridge were: Robin Webber, Christy



Trevor Iron Cloud

Webber, Amy Pond, Keisha Brewer, Lacey Weston, Devon Red Cloud, Lucy Blue Legs, Ashley Pond, Victoria Piper, Lorilie two Bulls, and Sis Red Cloud.

The following YO participants were recognized for their dedication and work ethics: Katrina Charging, Portia Means, Nate Whalen, Art Vitalis, Rich Williams, Conrad Two Lance, and Alicia Mosseau.

Community Service Awards were given for those participating in the BEAR project, a literacy program in partnership with OST Lakota College Early Childhood Program. The award winners are: Portia Means, Art Vitalis, Richard Williams, Rich Palmer, Christy Webber, Lindsey Twiss, Stacy Big Crow, Stacy Hill, Deanna Big Crow, Conrad Two Lance, Robin Webber, Leo Headley, Morris Ward, Jassmine Terkildsen, Nate Whalen, Laura Big Crow, Tate Locust, Stephan Eagle Bull, Raylin Rowland, Brandon Ecoffey, Everett Libby, Stacey Dubray, Tracey Dubray, Otto Fly, Gina Cottier, Lester Fly, Brandon Brave Heart, Emory Brave Heart, BJ Brave Heart, Tyler Eagle Bull, Shawna Pourier, Kristina Red Willow, Will Tymes, Yamni Jack, and Virgil Bad Wound.

Special recognition was given to the 2 and 4 year college graduates and vocational degrees: Alicia Mousseau - Creighton University, BA in Psychology, Valentina Makes Him First - Cambridge College, AA Degree Computer Networking and Information technology Program, Ella Tobacco - Cambridge College AA Medical Assistant, Cora Warrior - Lakota Leadership Institute, Electrician Certificate, Michelle Parmenter - Certificate Oglala Lakota College, Lakota Language, and Joyce Tibbitts - AA Oglala Lakota College Lakota Studies.

Nikki Big Crow, Ella Tobacco and William Clifford all received recognition as college students of the year.

The Cultural Award went to the Wakiyan Pejuta drum group representing the Wakpamni YO. The drum group consists of YO associates and alumni. Those awarded were: YO Mentor, Ricky Gray Grass, Dana Black Crow, Beau Black Crow, Dale Jealous, Alton Black Tail Deer, Darrin Yellow Boy, Waylon Black Crow Jr., and BJ Feather Earring.

GED Graduates Lori Brown Eyes, Les Running Shield, Jose

Esparza, Patrick Mosseau, Michelle Smith, Erlene Tail, Charlotte Chipps, Theresa Catches, Thelma Clifford, Christopher Hatchett, Michael Knight, Jacklyn Short Bull, Sheri Palmier, June Little Dog, Palauni Long Soldier, Annie Gassman, Pete Richards Jr., Corey J. Twiss and Deanie Jo Steele were recognized.

Staff awards for Charles Eagle Hawk, Floyd Brings Plenty, and Liz Morrison fom Oglala, Serena King and Willa Quick Bear from Kyle, Henry Brown from Pine Ridge and Tony Rowland from Wound Knee YO.

Special Leadership Awards went to Angelina Big Crow a Red Cloud High School 10th grader for her active involvement and volunteer work in YO. Beau Patton, Porcupine, who has been in the YO program since its inception and has had a significant role in the recent success of the development and activities in Porcupine was a Leadership Award Winner. Trevor Iron Cloud who is considered a YO Top Dawg especially representing the Kyle YO as President of the Youth Council got special recognition, and Prairie Looks Twice from Oglala YO for her efforts in educating the people about HIV/AIDS. Rocky White Calf of the Pine Ridge YO was recognized for his help he has given around the office, Michelle Eagle Elk of the Manderson YO for her work in HIV/AIDS prevention education, RJ Running Shield for his hard work and effort and personality.

The following YO members are being nominated for Rewarding Youth Achievement: Lorelei Two Bulls was recognized for her efforts under the Rewarding Youth Achievement Program, Angela Bad Heart Bull was nominated for College Student of the Year Award by the Oglala YO staff, , Brandon Zimiga was given special recognition and special effort and his working of long hours, Louie Kills Straight is being nominated and recognized for his honesty and assistance and Amber Sierra is being nominated for the 2004 RYA Female Youth of the Year based on her performance while maintaining a grade point average of 4.0.

Gary Richards Jr. a junior at Red Cloud High School has been selected as the RYA Youth of the Year for the Allen YO, Leroy Janis, a freshman at Creighton, is being recognized for his exceptional ability to accomplish what he needs to like working as a Peer Mentor and working at the BIA Fire Department., Michael Jack a sophomore at Pine Ridge High School for his all round activity participation and excellent scholastic record, and David Michaud a sophomore at Pine Ridge for his community service, personality, and helpfulness.

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Diabetes Inpatient Education Center : Could it happen here?

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

It was a cold January in 1983. My 4-year old son, Jody was lying on the living room floor watching TV. I had taken him to the doctor two days earlier and his pediatrician had diagnosed him with the flu. Jody pulled his head up off from his pillow and said, “Mom, if you don’t take me to the doctor again, I am going to die.”

I took him at his word, grabbed my jacket and a blanket, called his doctor, picked Jody up off the floor and struggling under his weight loaded him in the car. We arrived at the doctor’s office within ten minutes and he saw us immediately. He took one look at Jody, sniffed his breath and told me to take him directly to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore. he said he would make the arrangements for us.

About 25 minutes later we arrived at Good Samaritan and I carried Jody into the emergency room. They took him from me and I followed the nurse into a little curtained cubicle. Two interns immediately appeared, and within a few minutes a doctor of endocrinology arrived. The team of experts was working feverishly on my son. They drew blood every couple of minutes from the main arteries, a procedure that hurts. A young intern turned to me and said, “Why haven’t you been managing his diet and insulin? How could you let his diabetes get so far out of control?”

I reacted by fainting. There is was, the truth. He was only four. He was so sweet and innocent. How could this be happening. I racked my brain, where did this

come from? What mismanagement of hereditary genes was responsible? What did it mean to both him and me in our lives? How was I, a single mother with two children going to manage this? How was I going to arrange for my son to have injections, blood tests, and eat the types of meals that I knew he would need? I took it personally and I took it hard. My son, what would happen to him? What about sports, school, friends, and all the implications to his health that diabetes would mean. What about grandchildren?

After the initial shock of juvenile diabetes onset, they admitted both my son with me in attendance. They said, because of his age, that he needed supervision, and the hospital staff did not include -paid babysitters. We spent three days in intensive care, and then we were both transferred to a facility within a few blocks of the hospital for diabetes education and counseling. We checked into the little building, where we were assigned a dorm room. We would be staying seven to 10 days, depending on our situation.

The time of the day we were admitted was just prior to lunch. We met with a staff member who handed us log sheets, blood sugar test strips, a blood testing monitor, the insulin and size needles we would need according to our physician, the little “finger stabber” for blood tests, pamphlets and written material.

We showed up for lunch. I was handed a sheet that showed us the planned meal calorie or unit intake (now treatment has been updated and carbohydrates are counted) that would maintain his blood sugar when combined

with insulin by meal and by time. They handed me Jody’s tray of food, which is the last time that would happen. From there-on-in, we would be selecting the food ourselves according to his personal balanced meal plan that I would set up in a classroom.

After lunch we went for a walk with everybody that was a guest in the facility. Jody was the only juvenile diabetic there. The rest of the patients were all adults with type II diabetes. We walked about an hour. We walked to a park, where we had a chance to sit, or swing, or rest, and then we returned to the facility. When we got back, we were led into a classroom of assigned seating. On each of our tables were our personal equipment for blood test monitoring, and some other things, including a stuffed monkey.

We all gave ourselves blood tests, Jody included. Everybody stuck his/her finger with the little swift stick, placed their blood on the test strips and followed further instructions to read the blood sugar levels. This was our first class, and we were all learning about the procedures and record keeping involved in managing diabetes. We all learned to read the results, and then the class began on what it meant, what we could do about it, how come records for trends were so important, and normal or acceptable levels and trends versus levels that indicated further investigation was necessary.

The class was a two hour session just on blood sugar levels and record keeping.

After class, we again gathered in the cafeteria, where I took Jody’s list of viable combinations of food and selected the correct

amounts for his afternoon snack. After the snack, we joined again in the class room, where we began to study nutrition, calorie and carbohydrate measurements, food presentation, timing and scheduling of food intake to balance insulin loads, and the fat contents of most foods. This class was on-going for the entire stay at the facility. When this class was concluded, seven days later, I was a diabetic expert, as was every person in attendance. We all knew the when you can eat it, what you can eat, how it can be prepared, and how to balance food with insulin.

A half hour before dinner it was “shot” time. Before the shot, each of us administered our own blood test and wrote down the results. This was class room material for tomorrow during the first day of classes; people had the staff administer the medication. Tomorrow, however all of that would change.

Dinner time was a quiet time, we chose our foods and balance, each meal being reviewed before eating, and sat down to eat.

Conversation was about diabetes, our families, our fears and the common bond of understanding the emotional stress that this disease imposes on the patient and his/her family. I was in attendance with Jody, because he was young, but there were many adults in attendance with their mates, because diabetes is a family affair.

We could rest in the evening, watch television, play games, read, do laundry and prepare for bed and our nighttime blood test and snack. The morning was a time of bustle, with showers and dressing. We did blood tests, and went for breakfast. Breakfast was

managed with care. Jody’s intake of food was pretty high, as he was judged to be fairly active.

We were told to bring our monkeys to class. Jody was just four, and he did spend a good deal of class time rolling around on the floor, but there were other things for him to do there. He could color (diabetes books), play with toys, but mostly, he just listened too. We were also given an orange. They gave us little bottles filled with saline (just like insulin bottles with the topper in them) and we learned how to measure out insulin, how to minimize air in the needle, and finally how to give a shot. First it was oranges. That had to do with the skin and the angle of direction, then the monkeys, and finally ourselves. I had to inject saline into myself too. Jody learned. He learned how to inject the orange and the monkey – and himself. I did the measuring for him until he could manage to read. It is too risky to have a four year old measure out insulin, but surprisingly enough, by the time he was five, Jody did measure out his insulin with me standing by and monitoring him.

Each day was filled with education about diabetes, the current research, diet and food preparation, record keeping, insulin and blood sugar monitoring, procedures, how to treat colds, the flu and other common ailments, what to do when illness prevents food intake, exercise within the boundaries of age and lifestyle, family relationships with the diabetic and consideration and respect, counseling for the diabetic and the family, and just plain adjusting to the huge emotional and physical impact of diabetes.

Every summer Jody went to diabetes camp. It was a seven day

program in Oregon, called Gales Creek Camp. It was where his insulin was adjusted, his diet enhanced or changed and he got to experience camp just like any other child. There is a similar type of camp in Winnebago, Neb. through IHS that is a two day camp for diabetics and their families. It is a place for all to learn about diabetes.

Today, Jody is 27. He works in the oil field as a derrick deck hand. That is a pretty physically grueling job. There is a lot of peril there, and he cannot afford to have his diabetes be out of control. He is still a brittle diabetic, but he manages his care well.

I firmly believe, from sharing time with the diabetics in the inpatient program more than 20 years ago, that everyone of those people, including my son Jody has had the opportunity to have a better and more healthy life-style, deal with their diabetes routinely, live with more freedom and that they will suffer less horrific hardship such as amputation, because of the education and therapy arranged at the in-patient care program.

With the heavy percentage of adult diabetes on the reservation, the establishment of such a program, covered by health insurance and contributory grants could save many lives. Short visits with clinicians and doctors cannot begin to address the impact and understanding necessary for quality personal care. Education is not only preventative, but support of the family to enjoy the diabetic in a healthy lifestyle may save amputation, early death, and even the on-set of adult diabetes through a healthier life style. Just a thought.

Diabetes prevention: *Continued from A1*

The clinically-based program works closely with the Rosebud Indian Health Service to lower the risk factors such as inactivity, obesity, poor eating habits and other health related issues.

They sent letters of invitation to the guardians of each of the 1,916 children identified and asked them to participate in the program. Thus far, approximately 700 youth have participated.

The program employs eight certified personal fitness assistants who work with the children and their parents to inspire, motivate and train them to be physically fit. The clients also work with a nurse educator and a case manager to learn about nutrition, healthy food choices and overall health awareness.

Without intervention, the Rosebud Reservation could see close to 2,000 new incidences of diabetes in youth and young adults over the next several years.

And starting just this month, at the urging of the Tribal Council, the RST Diabetes Prevention Program began their new Adult Wellness Program.

The program is an expansion

of the Youth Wellness Program. It is modeled in a similar fashion. The adults work closely with a nurse educator and case manager to address making healthier food choices and better nutrition. They work with fitness assistants on a personalized fitness plan. Treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical trainers, a stair-stepper, weight resistance machines, free-weights, jumping ropes, exercise videos and kick boxing equipment are available for client use.

Both adults and youth can work for incentives such as health and beauty products and sports equipment to help inspire and reward their efforts.

“It’s important for adults to look at their health and lifestyle and realize that they are setting examples for our youth. We want those adults that are ready and willing to make a healthy change in their life to have the support and resources to do so successfully,” said RST Diabetes Prevention Program Director Connie Brushbreaker.

“Our children have a better chance at developing and maintaining healthy habits if they have a healthy adult role model to show them the way,” said

Brushbreaker.

In addition to working directly with individuals, the DPP has worked to raise awareness of diabetes prevention and healthy living for the general public on the Rosebud Reservation.

They have sponsored a wide range of public education efforts, including walk/run events; a bike ride; community youth activity nights, youth camps, play days, walking clubs, health fairs, incentive programs, community wellness education events, newspaper advertisements, health oriented radio shows and public service announcements.

Recently, the program was awarded the IHS Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Group Award for Excellence for their unique approach and innovative methods of diabetes prevention.

Brushbreaker said she is proud of the program’s innovative and aggressive approach to diabetes prevention in the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

She said she hopes the program efforts can help form a healthier and stronger nation in the near future.

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Diabetes: Family education good beginning to a healthy future

Diabetes strikes more homes on the reservation than violence and drunk driving. Every family has a member that suffers with this disease. It often has an impact of despair and a sense that the disease is more powerful than the spirit of wellness. When a family member is diagnosed families often picture amputation, kidney failure, and other severe physical results as being a mandatory and solid fact. The emotional impact of such an outlook can throw everyone in the family into despair and a sense of helplessness that psychologically can lead to denial or ignoring dietary and exercise plans that can prevent and inhibit such severe outcomes.

Education about diet planning, a regular exercise program and weight management are tools used in the management of diabetes and prevention for other family members that are candidates for this disease. A system of education that includes an entire family plan can help families to join together and routinely learn to live in a manner that is to their benefit: eating in accordance with a healthy balanced, low fat, low carbohydrate and sugar diet, and joining each other in a regular family walk/exercise strengthens family bonds and supports the family member with diabetes. If

an entire family eats in accordance with nutritional balance and in a diabetes prevention and maintenance menu, then it is possible to minimize the impact of diabetes for the future. Adult onset can be virtually eradicated if the elders of today take care of the children by teaching them a healthy way to live.

Grant monies are available for diabetes education. It is within our culture of the Lakota people to teach their children responsible dietary habits and to save their lives. Programs of education for entire families are a good beginning to a healthy future. Children usually do not plan and prepare meals; therefore they are sometimes voiceless in their predisposition for diabetes. When an entire family changes their approach to living together, then the battle can be won. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has been working on diabetes awareness and prevention with good impact. The Pine Ridge IHS recently received a \$2 million diabetes grant. Take advantage of these opportunities and find out who they can help you as an individual and as a tiospaye. Diabetes is a silent killer among us and think what we can do if we worked together with that same determination as we do with other issues that affect us as tribe.

Many ways to make the students feel a sense of belonging

"I am saying as you must say, too, that in order to see where we are going, we not only must remember where we have been, but we must understand where we have been."

• Ella Baker

Holiday season is upon us once again. This is a time when we reach out to family to ensure that everyone is included in family gatherings. When I was a child in boarding school my grandfather would always be there waiting for us when we were allowed to go home for the holidays. *Wopila tanka* for Lakota grandparents.

I want to make everyone aware of the Todd County School District Lakota Studies web-page. To reach us pull up Todd County school web-site; www.tcsdk12.org On this page you will find the twelve schools in the district, other educational programs, school calendar, school activities, employment opportunities, direct lines to administrators and other happenings throughout the district. On this main page will also be the Lakota Studies web-page. The Lakota Studies main page provides information including Lakota Studies Standards, Language Levels, and curriculum. If you have the opportunity, please visit us on our web-site.

Last spring we conducted a school wide survey to find out the effectiveness of the Indian Studies program. We are now involving the teachers and administrators to brain-storm and provide strategies on how the program can be improved.

Lakota Perspective



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

We also formed a task force of Lakota educators and parents to provide strategies and guidance. We do not want Indian Studies to be a token program but a program that teaches the students' history, validates their language and honors their culture. A student who has self-confidence will achieve in a learning environment.

Schools are much more than a place for academic learning. Schools are a micro community in themselves and should reflect the culture of the community. Assimilation is not our goal. We have been there and it has not worked. School should not be a foreign place where students experience the worst of other cultures. Students must feel a school is a welcoming place, where they are safe and where people care about them. We cannot ignore the mental and physical welfare of the student's life because this ties into academic learning. There are many ways to make the students feel a sense of belonging. We are trying to accomplish this by bringing the students cul-

ture, language and history into the school system.

If we don't relate well to our students it shows up in the student's behavior. If the students fail to show respect there is something wrong. Respect is a two way relationship. A person cannot expect respect if they do not treat others with respect. The school year should be a time when a person can look back to good memories and good friendships, not as a time of anxiety and turbulence. As parents and grandparents we can visit our children's classrooms, talk to and listen to their teachers, and encourage the teachers and our children. We hope that the integration of Indian Studies adds to the academic environment and shows our students that they can achieve as Lakota in a larger, multicultural society that is America.

"If you don't know the language, you'll only see the surface of the culture... the language is the heart of the culture and you cannot separate it."

The Creator gave to every person their own special way to communicate and understand. Indians understand connectedness, balance, harmony, spirituality and the relationship to the earth. The understanding of these things is expressed in the language. The true understanding of culture is expressed in the language.

The language is the heart of the people.

If we have not learned the language, we need to find a teacher.

• Elaine Ramos, TLINGIT



Letters to the Editor

Americans enjoy the right to vote

Dear Editor:

Re: O.S.T. Election Challenge

One of the basic rights most Americans enjoy is the right to vote. And to vote in a legal and fair election. While the majority of Americans take that right for granted, we as Indians cannot, because American Indians were denied the right to vote until as recently as 1924.

As a law firm, the Red Cloud Law Firm takes no political position except as an advocate for the people. Whether our client is Russell Means or Cecelia Fire Thunder, we shall simply strive to see justice done. A fair and impartial forum must be utilized to address issues and to allow the Oglala Sioux Tribe to enter the next administration without a cloud of doubt looming

about the legality of the 2004 election.

Because the right to vote is a basic right, the Lakota people must be guaranteed that their elections are conducted honestly and adhere strictly to the rules, in order to promote a free society. As such, any questions that exist about the 2004 elections must be cleared up in a proper legal forum.

The rights of the least powerful deserve to be protected to allow the rights of all to be enjoyed in the future.

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We need to keep our children at home

Dear Editor:

My name is Loretta Dillon, I am a Oglala Sioux tribal member.

I would like to present a plan for a program that would benefit our families; it would keep our children at home.

I would like to present a Tribal Reunification Center to our reservation. The center would be a facility open 24 hours, seven days a week, all year long. Its purpose would be to facilitate families with a child or children, whom have been taken away from native families by the state to be put in foster homes. The center would be the first place the State would need to comply with our tribe, to put our children, when they are involved. The children and families will live there together to begin the bonding process, learn parenting skills and resolve parenting issues, receive counseling, anger and stress management, support group assistance and referrals for alcohol and drug rehabilitation and co-dependency, domestic violence counseling, financial assistance, money managing, budgeting, housing assistance, legal assistance and help with various appointments such as medical, court hearing, etc.

The center would help to facilitate for 30 days, 60 day, or 90 days, depending on each case. It would be the start of getting our power back for our children by helping us get our power back for our children. It would advocate for those families who have little or no family support. This center can be a strong hold for our own.

It would further prevent State involvement on a long term basis, create prevention of white fostering and furthermore prevent the adopting out of our Lakota children.

From my own experience as a member and mother going through the system and losing is such a heart ache and an outrage. Experiencing no support of any kind and going through the hardship of having to comply with the State's recommendation, on a limited income provided by the State all contributed in part to my losing my son, Kyle Shane Randall, who will be two-years old on Dec. 22 of this year.

I've lost out on most of his life. I am heartbroken and outraged. He is my child, now the state is in the process of adopting him out to unknown strangers, 2 in South Dakota and 1 in California.

If this happens, I'll never get to see him or know where he is. I feel like he has been kidnapped from me and there isn't anything I can do about it.

I believe, if there's such a center, we can be empowered to keep our children here at home with our people. This is and has been a long overdue issue, as a foster child and being adopted out, I would like our healing to begin and we can actually begin to be what the word family means.

**Loretta Dillon
Batesland, S.D.**

Lakota Times brought back memories

Dear Editor:

I was walking through the 789 Car/Truck Stop in Riverton, Wyo. when out of habit, the *Lakota Times* was in my hand and I was out the door. I didn't quite grab the meaning but then the name of the paper, *Lakota Times*.

I was taken back into the past, Pine Ridge, Martin and many road miles behind selling this paper as the former Sales Mangler, (not misspelled) as Tim Giago called me. So congratulations are in order and I must say, for

the first issue, it looked GOOT.

I must say, the others started to lose flavor and appeal and I hope you paper has a continued success and a huge impact on the Indian Nation but stay Skin.

As the Virginia Slims cigarette commercial used to utter,

"You've come a long way, baby."

**Jake Bell
Riverton, Wyo.**

Daschle accomplished a lot for American Indians

Dear Editor:

I watched Daschle give his speech on C-Span. I cried because I know what he has accomplished for American Indians and what his loss means to us for the future. Daschle became a friend over the years and besides being our Senator, he is a warm, caring individual.

I listened as senator after senator came to the podium to praise Sen. Daschle. The entire Senate had turned out in honor of his farewell speech and gave him a standing ovation. It is commendable that all the Republicans came to praise him except two not present. All the Democrats went to the podium to say how much he will be missed and shaking their heads that this great man was defeated.

After the speeches, all the Democrats, and he was their leader for so many years, stood in a receiving line to touch him and hug him. It was a very impressive departure. A tribute that rarely happens. Daschle was gracious and gave hope to the future. Sen. Diane Fienstein kept

repeating over and over, "He is such a good man, how could they let him go?"

The tribes must have equal expectations for the new freshman Senator as he goes to Washington in January.

Democrat Tom Daschle says he's loved his years in the US Senate and says the work there during his 26-year career was worth doing.

While there have been challenges, Daschle says, "I'm grateful for every moment."

Daschle made his comments in an emotion-filled farewell speech last week on the floor of the U.S. Senate. He lost the November second election to Republican John Thune.

Daschle was the leader of the Senate Democrats for ten years. He says one of his hopes as he leaves is that Democrats and Republicans will never give up in the search for common ground.

**Gay Kingman
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What was the message of Osama bin Laden?

He appeared on television screens across America a few days before the presidential election of 2004.

Osama bin Laden, looking healthy, wealthy and wise, was determined to send a message to the American people. What was that message?

The initial reaction by the political pundits was one of outrage. How dare this murderer try to influence this election. How dare this terrorist try to communicate with us.

CIA and FBI analysts retired to their cubicles to dissect and interpret the message of bin Laden.

The popular interpretation is that bin Laden was attempting to influence the election by pointing out some of the more salient points of the George W. Bush administration while not disparaging his opponent, John Kerry.

Setting aside the interpretations of the government spooks and satirists, perhaps his message becomes more clear if it is seen through the eyes of a people who have lived in a country that has been occupied by a foreign power; the indigenous people of the Western Hemisphere.

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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In a recent speech, Wilma Mankiller, the former leader of the Cherokee Nation said, "As a people, we can empathize with the people of Iraq because they are experiencing many of the things we experienced as a people." Mankiller was expressing her views of the invasion and occupation of Iraq and the efforts of one nation to impose its political views upon that of another.

What bin Laden said was that it didn't matter who was elected president, Bush or Kerry, because in the long run what happened in the relations between America and the

Muslim nations was up to the people. In a democracy it is supposed to be the people who rule, not the people they elect..

Osama bin Laden attempted to explain why 9/11 happened and suggested that something akin to it can and will happen again if the people of America do not find new ways to deal with the Muslim nations.

Unbridled hate can blind great nations. We can find it in our own history. After the elite troops of the Seventh Cavalry were decimated at the Battle of Greasy Grass (Little Bighorn) in 1876, there developed a seething hatred by the troopers of the Seventh Cavalry toward the people of the Great Sioux Nation. That hatred simmered for 14 years until that winter day of Dec. 29, 1890 when unforgiving soldiers of the Seventh Cavalry unleashed their hatred upon the innocent Lakota men, woman and children at Wounded Knee.

There is an analogy here that goes far beyond the simplistic ranting of political pundits. When and how did this hatred by so many people of the Muslim faith become so overwhelming that it led to the horrific events of September 11?

We now know that it was not the doings of a few fundamentalist fanatics.

The celebrations in the streets of the Muslim nations after 9/11 should have given us pause to reflect upon the foreign policies of America.

There is a perverse dichotomy in play here in that Osama bin Laden can assume the role of the hate-filled Seventh Cavalry or that of the oppressed member of an occupied nation. In the aftermath of historic occurrences, he is probably both.

I may be pilloried for suggesting that Osama bin Laden was actually offering a solution to an unsolvable problem, but I, and many other indigenous people, believe it to be so. Perhaps there was not a hidden message there, but suppose he was suggesting a solution? Was he asking the American people to communicate with the Muslim people one on one, people to people?

A war goes on in Iraq and people are dying. Saddam Hussein was a dictator of the worst order and people died needlessly under his regime. But was the United States justified in attacking a nation and

killing thousands upon thousands of innocent Muslims in order to set them free? When the Shiite rebelled shortly after the first Gulf War, America had a chance to fell Saddam with the support of the majority of Muslims but did nothing to support the Shiites.

It should be noted that many of the graves discovered by the Americans after the second invasion contained the bodies of those Shiites who rebelled against Saddam. Without the support of America or the coalition forces the Shiites were slaughtered by the thousands. The rebellion was squelched.

Osama bin Laden is looked upon as that beast with the blood of 3,000 people on his hands. Any utterance from him is deemed contemptible. But I believe that all Americans are tired of living under the threat of more terror. Is this a permanent condition or one with a cure?

In the supposed civilized world of 2004 surely men and women of intelligence, compassion and forgiveness can come together with those who would threaten our very existence and find solutions. I

know that you can't negotiate with terrorists, but why is America their target?

America became a great nation by slaughtering and terrorizing its indigenous people. After more than 500 years of terrorism, the indigenous people saw their way to forgive. The first step on the road to forgiveness was communication. Without dialogue there are no solutions.

If the message from Osama bin Laden is that we must find new ways to communicate in order to prevent future acts of terrorism, should we listen to that message?

Oftentimes the solutions to the most complex of problems are found in the most simple of messages. An old Mohawk saying goes, "You cannot see the future with tears in your eyes." The same may be said of hatred.

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We're not losing our language

In a previous editorial column, I wrote a brief column that spoke of having post-election blues. What was noteworthy about the piece was the fact that I wrote it in Lakota. I write Lakota words mostly phonetically and I am not totally fluent, so I tend to write the way I talk. I use words that are common words in Lakota, but it affords me great practice at being literate in Lakota. Being literate encompasses everything from reading, writing, and speaking Lakota.

The column that I wrote in Lakota, also was a contest that offered a young person \$50.00 to translate the story into English and there were rules of the contest listed at the end.

I have to say that there are efforts underway to perpetuate the Lakota language among young people and this makes me very happy. There was a Lakota language contest at OLC's Piya Wiconi central administration building last week and although I did not attend, I received some interesting accounts from some that did attend. It was also carried

Northern Perspectives



By Dr. Archie Beauvais

live on KILI radio and it was impressive the manner in which many of the young people spoke Lakota. Surely, you will see further accounts of this Language activity in weeks to come.

Robert Two Crow who is on the Graduate Advisory Committee at OLC made a very profound and simple statement about Lakota language use, as he noted "We're not losing our Lakota language, we're just not using it." I found that statement to be

very positive and hopeful about the current state of our language. I have anxieties about the fact that many of our schools do not teach the Lakota language as they should, however some Lakota people will tell you that it is not the job of our schools to teach Lakota. Some of that responsibility should be left to the parents. Maybe more input should be focused on encouraging parents to have a desire to teach their children.

Still others sound the alarm that Lakota could be lost or severely depleted in generations to come. As an abiding feature of Lakota life, it is the one cultural marker that characterizes Lakota people as indigenous to this land. Lakota people will tell you that we did not migrate from anywhere, we were always here. He Sapa or the Black Hills is where we originated from and that affinity for the sacred is what perpetuates our claim to our homeland. If only Senator Daschle could have continued the fight for us, we could have at least had him dialogue

about the need to return at least portions of He Sapa to the Lakota.

Some Lakota language educators are wrestling with the best methods to teach Lakota in our schools. It is difficult to gauge the effectiveness of such varied approaches without further research on the many programs out in the native world. There seems to many successful immersion programs that periodically report their progress and the resulting benefits to the children and the community. Instead of worrying about state standards, other accrediting bodies and legislation such as No Child Left Behind, it seems like community and tiospaye are the central repositories of Lakota language. Tiwahe is where Lakota originates from and that is probably the locale to which more attention needs to be focused. Many young people also wrestle with the purpose of learning Lakota when they are faced with the demands of a fast moving technological world somewhere out there. Beyond eth-

nic pride, cultural uniqueness and family cohesion many are questioning the inherent value of Lakota.

That having been said, there is a need to provide incentives to children and others to learn at their pace while instilling great pride in the language. Marie Randall who is also on the Graduate Advisory Board at OLC was equally as eloquent when she noted that Lakota language is something that is a sacred, a gift from the creator. You do not use Lakota to speak in a negative way. If you wish to speak to the Creator he understands you if you speak Lakota.

One of my graduate students is proposing to inquire about the feasibility of using Lakota language teachers side by side with regular classroom teachers. She hopes to advance the thesis that having Lakota language teachers in the classroom all the time without worry about their formal credentials will be a positive step toward language acquisition. These teachers will work hard to translate subject matter into

the Lakota as it is being delivered to children in English. It is an idea that has been endorsed by the school board, in theory at least, where she works and it remains to be seen if it is an idea can be institutionalized one day.

In conclusion, then it seems to me that the Lakota language is a vital part of Lakota life that will never disappear if we will just use it in our homes and tiwahe. Its inherent beauty throughout the ages is contained in the fact that it is very sacred and *tunkashila* only hears us when we are able to speak.

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Thanksgiving? Keep in mind the true facts and story

The Fort Lewis College of Durango, Colo. crowd drips with sentimentality. Everybody seems to want to hear emotional appeals about animals, the environment or stupid wars, instead of dealing with issues closer to home, such as stereotypes, racism and ignorance in general. But it's Thanksgiving time. And that means FLC emotion gets its place at the table, right next to the turkey.

Turkey and feel-good emotion are, of course, the centerpieces of the good ol' American Thanksgiving tradition. Most of us have long regarded the holiday as merely the first of many wintertime excuses to return home, eat our hearts out and sleep in. This, of course, ignores the holiday's origin, which has something to do with the utter decimation of the Native American population by seemingly friendly but overzealous European pathfinders.

No, wait—Thanksgiving is all about good sale prices on Christmas presents.

Or is it just halftime between Halloween and Christmas?

Point in fact: It's difficult to

Guest Column

By Jonnie Tate Finn

tell. Still, the holiday's name isn't "Facestuffing" or "Shoppingfrenzy." It's "Thanksgiving," which implies — actually, it dictates — that some sort of thanks should be given on the occasion.

This should be easy for most of us, because most of us have a lot to be thankful for. Obviously, not all of us can have our parents pay for our college expenses. Remember, though, that we're at FLC; we live in an absurdly distorted economic environment. Remind yourself that the acquisition of snow and playthings used in the snow are not the only prerequisites for thanks.

A Level of Unhappiness

Think about that as you gorge yourself on Thanksgiving Day. Think of the homeless man who appreciates FLC's ceiling far more than any of us ever will when you decide, despite being full,

to scarf down one last piece of turkey.

I'm not trying to guilt anybody into taking action against the holiday. I'm not suggesting that because everybody in the country isn't 100 percent hunky-dory, you're not allowed to enjoy yourself. What really saddens me is the fact that such a level of unhappiness exists—is allowed to exist—in the first place.

Each year at this time, schoolchildren all over America are taught the official Thanksgiving story, and the media devote vast amounts of time and space to it. It is all very colorful and fascinating.

It is also very deceiving. This fairy-tale story of Pilgrims eating a nice, hearty meal with the noble savages is nothing like what really happened. It is a whitewashed and sanitized collection of half-truths that divert attention away from Thanksgiving's real meaning.

A good place to start exposing the truth is with a very important book, "The Invasion of America," by Francis Jennings. It is a very authoritative text about the settlement of New England and the evo-

lution of Indian-white relations in the New England colonies.

It's important to realize that the Puritans were not just simple religious conservatives persecuted by the king and the Church of England for their unorthodox beliefs. They were political revolutionaries, outcasts and fugitives who not only intended to overthrow the government of England but actually did so in 1649.

These trailblazers to the New World were not just innocent refugees from religious persecution. They were victims of bigotry in England, but some of them were themselves religious bigots by our modern standards. The Puritans and the Pilgrims saw themselves as the Chosen Elect, mentioned in the Book of Revelation. They strove to "purify" first themselves, and then everyone else, of everything they did not accept in their own interpretation of Scripture. They saw themselves as fighting a holy war against Satan, and everyone who disagreed with them was the enemy, including the Native heathens who were different in look, dress and belief.

Mather's Sermon

This is best illustrated in the written text of the Thanksgiving sermon delivered at Plymouth in 1623 by Mather the Elder. In it, Mather gave special thanks to God for the devastating plague of smallpox, which wiped out the majority of the Wampanoag Indians who had been the Pilgrims' benefactors. Mather praised God for destroying "chiefly young men and children, the very seeds of increase, thus clearing the forests to make way for a better growth," i.e., the Pilgrims. (See "Chronicles of American Indian Protest," pp. 6-9. Also see Berkhofer Jr., R.F., "The White Man's Indian," the comments of Cotton Mather, pp. 37 & 82-83.)

Essentially, history is not a set of "truths" to be memorized in grade school. It's an ongoing process of interpretation and learning that comes from debate and disagreement and dialogue. There is room for more than one history; there is room for many voices.

The significance of Thanksgiving today far outweighs the horror it once rep-

resented for Native people centuries ago. Although many Natives use this day to express their feelings of oppression and anger, which they're entitled to do, to others, the event shines forth as an example of the respect that was once possible between two different cultures and as a vision of what may again be possible someday among people of goodwill.

So while you're pushing away from the Thanksgiving table, remember not only those who are unfortunate, but also keep in mind the true story and facts, and be thankful that an entire people were not wiped off the planet, like crumbs wiped off the table.

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Bennett County finishes 7th in State A after knocking off Todd County for 7A title

Good learning experience for new coaches at Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, Little Wound and Todd County

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

MARTIN – For the second year in a row, Bennett County finished seventh in the South Dakota State A Girl's Volleyball Tournament held this past weekend at the Watertown Civic Arena.

The Lady Warriors won the first game in their match with the second seeded Hamlin 25-22. Both had won 34 matches coming into the state tourney. Hamlin closed out the first round match with three straight games 28-26, 25-16 and 27-25.

In the consolation round Gregory knocked off Bennett County 25-22, 25-9, 19-25 and 25-23. The Lady Warriors finished strong with three straight games and a win over Mobridge 25-22, 25-16 and 25-15 for seventh place. Junior Abby Kratovil and sophomore Maggie O'Neil were named to the State Tournament All Tourney team.

Kratovil and O'Neil led the Bennett County Lady Warriors as they slammed Todd County in three straight games 25-13 25-6 25-19 to win the Region 7A volleyball title on Nov. 9th in Martin. For Bennett County it was the second year in a row the Lady Warriors went through district and regional play undefeated. Last year Bennett County lost in five games to Sioux Falls Christian in the first round, lost in five games to Parkston in the second round before beating Beresford in three straight games for seventh place.

Milbank defeated Hamlin in five games to win this year's State A tournament. Hot Springs, the number one seed finished third beating Sioux Falls Christian in four games and Beresford downed Gregory in five games for fifth place. Sioux Falls Lincoln won the State AA and Northwestern won the State B.

Volleyball season wrap-up

Pine Ridge

The Lady Thorpes under first year head coach, Karla Cuny, finished second in District 14A play with a 21-14 season record. According to Cuny, the highlight of the season was defeating Bennett County in the Douglas tournament.

"It was a good year, the girls were dedicated, worked hard and improved throughout the season," said Cuny who really enjoyed getting to know all of the players a lot better.

In looking back at the season, Cuny felt that Lucy Blue Legs had been the best all around player; she was the team captain and could do it all, set, hit and keep everyone in the game. Vicki Piper was the best offensive player, the best hitter and Katrina Ramos was the best defensive player with a good serve and an ability to pick the ball up rally well.

"Robin Webber will be our sparkplug next year, she always wanted to get in the mix, she's a setter but she was constantly up at the net trying to block or hit – we had to share her with cross country this year but it was well worth it," added Cuny. Seniors Stacy Big Crow, Deanna Big Crow really helped off the bench while sophomore Devon Red Cloud and freshman Keisha Brewer got valuable experience. Starter Christy Webber will graduate but Whitney Headley will be back for her senior year.

Red Cloud

"This was my first year as a head coach and it was a trial and error year for me working to establish a rhythm, get into a groove and be consistent from day one through the entire sea-



Kristin Weston gets ready for a serve in a home match, Weston a Junior at Red Cloud High School, has been on the varsity since her eighth grad year and this year was selected as the team MVP.

son," said Robin Johnson, volleyball coach at Red Cloud. "We finished the year at 14-17 but we could see some real improvement over the course of the season," added Johnson.

Johnson felt the highlight of the season was beating the Lady Thorpes at the Pine Ridge triangular and after losing to St. Thomas More the first two times coming back and beating them on the third try this year.

"It was such a delight to work with the girls, they worked real-

ly hard and by the end of the year you could see real improvement, their technique and skills were greatly improved and they worked hard to build a team, to keep each other up and supporting one another," Johnson said.

"We had about 30 girls come out in grades 9-11, we didn't have any seniors and depended on the juniors Kristin Weston, Marissa O'Bryan and Rianna Albers to provide the leadership," said Johnson as she excit-

edly stated that her entire team will be back next year. Kristin really stepped up, she's been on varsity since the eighth grade, Johnson added.

This year freshman really had to fill the gaps as Mandy Morrisette and Tasina Long ended up in starting roles and Ida Clark stepped in when Brittany Ross was out sick, Johnson volunteered.

"If the girls stay in shape by going out for other sports and working in the off season at getting stronger, we should have a great year next year, I'm really looking forward to it," concluded Johnson.

Little Wound

"We had 22 girls come out for volleyball this year and we finished with 14," said Dana Brave Eagle, head volleyball coach as she looked back on an 8-12 season; "our highlight had to be our improved play at the Lakota Nation Invitational, we were in it up to the end, just missing qualifying for the semifinals." Beating Kadoka at the Bennett County tourney was special also, Brave Eagle added.

"We really have the hitters but we really need to work on setting," Brave Eagle added; Sadie In The Woods was our team leader, she could do it all, had a great attitude and everyone looked up to her. Kelsey Brave Eagle was our best hitter and Tyann Pourier was the top defensive player and our top hustler moving all over the court. Katie Whirlwind Horse really got down and was super with digs and Christina Ferguson was our hardest worker, concluded Brave Eagle.

"We only lose two seniors, Shawntay Lupi and Valana Young Bear so next year we should be really competitive with all of our starters back," said Brave Eagle.

Todd County

"We set some individual and team goals this year at Todd County based on what we did and didn't do last year," said first year head coach, Lema

Waln; "we started with 33 girls and finished with 30 or 31."

"The team focused on more team building, wanted to win the Lakota Nation tournament, win district and finish with a better record than last year," said Waln, "and we got all of those accomplished, we just didn't get to state finishing the season 22-13 and runner-up to Bennett County in the region."

Despite the peaks and valleys of the year, the highlight had to be winning LNI and the District 13A tourney, added Waln; it was hard to regain momentum after the LNI championship, it was so draining. Todd County changed their offense this year going to a 6-2 and the defense going from a man back to a man up and we specialized more, continued Waln.

Sunnie Busch, Rosebud Haukaas and Tia McCloskey led the offense and although Sunnie had some monster kills, Rosebud and Andrea Lucas were more efficient, related Waln. Jenna Lucas was the best blocker while Sunnie, Jamie Hogan and Tammy Keller got the digs. Kayla Stewart started out as the setter and Shauna Gentry came in and took over, Kayla helped out with team leadership, vital to our success, concluded Waln.

Waln really enjoyed the year especially after working as an assistant to Galen Busch last year, with four children at home, she just doesn't know yeat if she will be back again next year.

West River All Conference Honors

Pine Ridge/Vicki Piper, Lucy Blue Legs and Christy Webber; Red cloud/Kristin Weston, Marissa O'Bryan and Mandy Morrisette; Little Wound/Sadie In the Woods, Tyann Pourier and Kelsey Brave Eagle; Honorable Mention/PR Robin Webber, Katrina Ramos, Whitney Headley; RC Brittany Ross, Rianna Albers; LW Shay Janis, Katie Whirlwind Horse.

Zags upset OST Finest for Protector's Tournament championship

Tournament tests 141 participants for HIV

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

PINE RIDGE – Led by Kyle Keller's 29 points and 23 rebounds and Dominic Saucedo's 23 points and eight assists, the Zags turned the tables on the OST Finest to win the Protector's Basketball Tournament in Porcupine this past weekend 94-93. George Dreamer Jr. led the Finest with 32 points and eight assists while Jess Hand chipped in 14 points and 16 rebounds and Ted Standing Soldier Jr. and Jerry Dreamer had 18 points each.

The unique independent tournament featured no entry fee and payouts of \$1,000 for first, \$750 for second and \$500 for third. Each participant was required to take a cotton swab HIV test before playing in the 18 team double elimination tourney.

"It wasn't just the HIV test," said tournament coordinator Mary Tobacco, health educator for the Oglala Sioux Tribe; "the test required a pretest exam that took about 15 minutes."

Dr. Mark Butterbrodt, an Indian Health Service pediatrician and Terry Friend and Angie Big Crow from the IHS midwife office helped with the testing. The testing started two days before the tournament and finished up a half hour after the tourney's final buzzer

and presentation of awards.

"In the pretest exam, we asked about the age and education of each participant, asked about what information each had about HIV, and personal information about risk factors, alcohol and drug use, history of multiple sex partners and use of condoms," said Terry Friend, HIS midwife. "We also asked what they thought young people should know about HIV and at what age and what sexual advice they would give to young people."

A total of 141 people were tested, 138 men and three women, 135 ballplayers and six from the community. All raw tests were shipped to Pierre on Monday to the State lab and all results will be handled by the state of South Dakota.

"This was a very creative way to get a number of young men involved in the HIV test as well as taking advantage of an opportunity to become more aware of risk factors involved in not only the spread of HIV but other STD's that are prevalent in the community," added Butterbrodt.

The Manderson Hoopers took third in the tournament losing out to the Zags in the semifinal game. The New Breed won the Team Sportsmanship. The Zags Dominic Saucedo was named the MVP and his teammate RJ Pond was named Mr. Hustle

and the Individual Sportsmanship award went to Ted Standing Soldier Jr. of the OST Finest. All Tourney honors went to: Lawrence Vigil/Zags, Jess Hand and Jerry Dreamer/OST Finest, John Rondeau/Manderson Hoopers, Chris Long Visitor/Oglala, Corwin Blacksmith/Oglala Nunpa, Levi Red cloud/Wounded Knee Lakota Travelers, Eric Mabin/Native Hustlers, Andy Pawnee Leggings/Manderson YO, Dusty Whirlwind Horse/New Breed and Jess Rouillard/Oglala.

Those who missed the opportunity to be tested may still contact the IHS hospital in Pine Ridge and for additional information or if you have questions call Dr. Butterbrodt at 867-3177, Terry Friend at 867-3003 or Mary Tobacco at 867-5252 or 441-7058.

Augustana College starts 4-0, Taken Alive sees good minutes

MANKOTA, Minn. — Over the weekend at the Minnesota Mankato Classic in Mankato, MN, Augustana College from Sioux Falls, moved their record to 3-0 with wins over Truman State and Bimidgi State. Ray Taken Alive, a freshman from McLaughlin, played 20 min-

utes, scored five points and had one assist and one steal in Augustana's 91-82 win over Truman State. Taken Alive added six points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal during 21 minutes in the Vikings 103-78 win over Bemidji State.

Monday night, Augustana hosted Si Tanka University out of Huron and picked up their fourth straight win of the season 98-65. Taken Alive chipped in three points, four assists and a steal in 23 minutes. For the season, Taken Alive is averaging just over 20 minutes and 5 points per game. Tracy Sazue, a Crow Creek graduate, started at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell but now plays for Stank; he grabbed three rebounds and had two assists in 27 minutes on the floor for the 0-8 Screaming Eagles of Huron.

Augustana travels to University of Minnesota at Crookston on Wednesday and Bemidji State on Friday.

SDSU opens Division I schedule on the road, Casey leads team in assists and steals

INDIANAPOLIS – Following an exhibition 73-57 win over Concordia-St.Paul, South Dakota State University opened their NCAA Division I schedule on the road playing Friday night in historic Hinkle

Fieldhouse in Indianapolis against the Butler Bulldogs. Butler welcomed SDSU to Division I with a 80-52 pounding, freshman Mackenzie Casey, a Red Cloud graduate from Wounded Knee had five points, four assists, two rebounds and a steal in 23 minutes on the court.

Sunday, the Jackrabbits took on Manhattan College in New York, an NCAA qualifier last year beating Florida in the first round and losing to Wake Forest in the second round and the favorite again in the Mid Atlantic Conference. Manhattan went up 11-0 immediately and quickly had the Jacks down by 18 before SDSU hustled back to close the gap to two. The Jaspers held on to get the win 73-69 as SDSU turned the ball over 24 times and missed 12 free throws. Casey had six assists, two steals and a rebound in 18 minutes of play.

SDSU hosts Mayville State of North Dakota on Wednesday and travels to Chicago to take on the University of Illinois at Chicago on Saturday.

Williston splits games in Powell, Big Crow leads team in scoring

POWELL, Wyo. – Williston's Lady Tetons picked up their fifth win of the season knocking off Western Wyoming 78-

67 behind Sheneka Lee's 19 points and Laura Big Crow's 18 points and nine rebounds. Williston overcame 25 turnovers to get the win on the road.

Williston State played Northwest College on Saturday and despite a half-time lead of 36-35 came up short losing it 64-55. Big Crow led the way with 16 points, Tate Locust added four points.

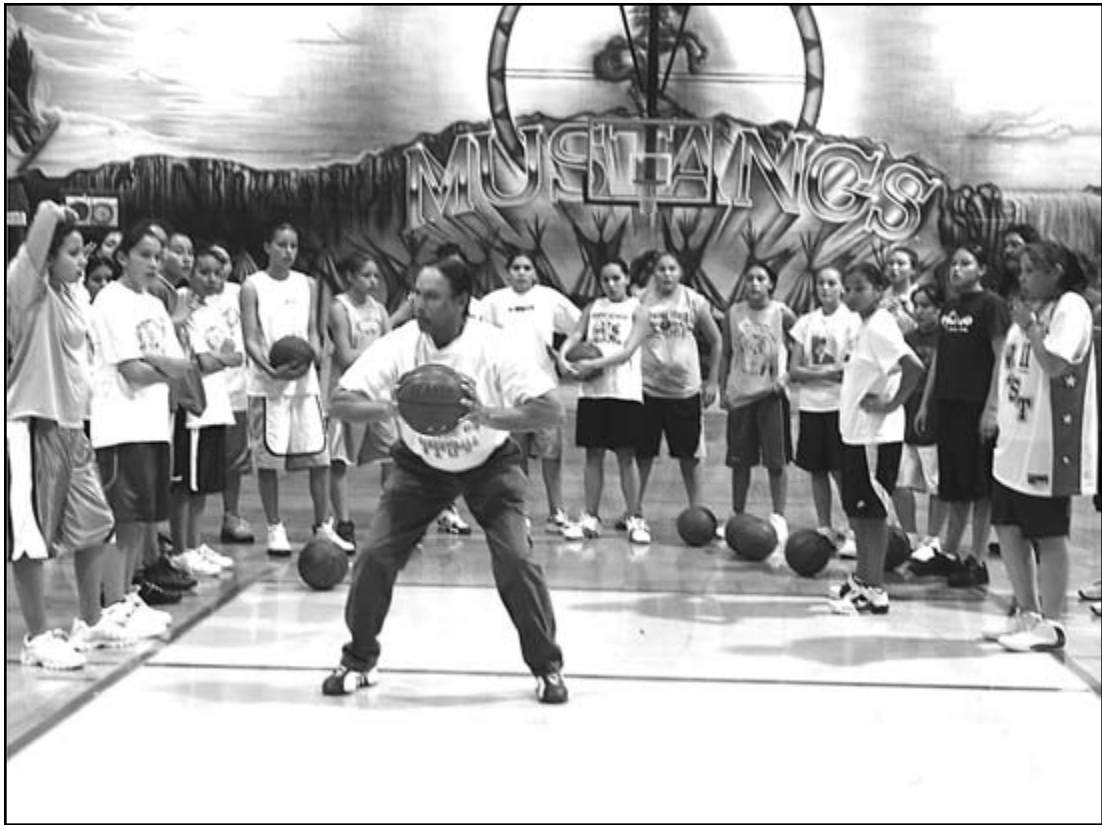
The Lady Tetons are now 5-3 and host Mayville State JV on Friday and University of Mary JV on Saturday. After a slow start, Big Crow is leading the team in scoring with just under 15 points per game.

High School Jamboree brings teams together, opportunity for new and young officials

PINE RIDGE – On Friday, Dec. 3, The South Dakota High School Activities association is hosting a seminar for officials at Pine Ridge High School. Registration is at 6 p.m. and will continue Saturday morning, Dec. 4 with the basketball jamboree between the Pine Ridge, Pierre, Sully Buttes and Red Cloud girl's and boy's basketball teams.

Free and open to all those who have officiated basketball games before and those interested in starting, the seminar includes a special invitation for

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Coach Tuffy Lunderman shows defensive rebounding techniques at the first practice for LWHS girls team. (Photo by Anna Bee)

Lady Mustangs “Getting it real”

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — It’s not about winning but getting “it real” promotes the Lady Mustangs Coach Tuffy Lunderman.

“We have one half of last year’s varsity team back,” said Tuffy Lunderman. Tuffy is the athletic director and coach for the Little Wound High School girl’s basketball team. “We have good depth and a commitment to education, the girls are pretty good students. I’ve had 46 students sign up, 23 of them are freshmen, and there are probably about another 12 that will join us that haven’t signed up yet,” said Lunderman.

“We will have nine practices this week, and our biggest problem is that next week we start sharing the facility with the boys. We don’t have a lot of court time, so we have to get as much out of each practice as we can,” Lunderman said. “Our varsity team is fine, but our developmental pro-

gram suffers by having boys and girls season at the same time. The developmental teams need a lot of practice on fundamental skills.”

“We have a home game Dec. 9, before the Lakota Nation Invitational with Red Cloud. Red Cloud has some experience, and there is a pretty strong rivalry, of course that is theoretically true whether it is a competitive team or a team that is rebuilding.”

“The biggest competition this year is the district competition,” said Lunderman, Bennet County and Little Wound are co-favorites. Regionally, Todd County is pretty strong. The real issue is though, who is going to put in the work and be healthy at the end of the season.”

“Our schedule this year is pretty okay.” Lunderman said, “We have four home games, and I’d like to strengthen that for next year, but over-all it’s a pretty good schedule.”

“The number one thing is attitude, and next is commitment, being in school and maintaining eligibility, said Lunderman, “You give me an average kid who works and a lazy talented kid, and I’ll take the average kid every time. We work on instilling a lot of team principles: generosity, compassion, fortitude and respect. Basic Lakota principles. We start each game with a prayer. We develop a good work ethic, responsibility, integrity and character building. It is about commitment, being in school, maintaining eligibility, being class and practice on time, dedication, and an attitude in “coachableness”...how coachable are you? Do you whine around in drills and running?”

“We do have five or six girls that have the potential to play college ball,” said Lunderman. ““If you’re going to play in college, you need to work in the off-season. You become a basketball play in the off-season, because the competition is doing that. College is about managing your time. Getting things done that need to be done. Students run into trouble there, it’s not that they don’t have the talent and ability, it’s about learning to schedule yourself. It’s also about consistency. You can’t run hot and then cold, play at top level and then show no performance. You raise the level of consistency with practice. I have to practice what I preach too, continued Lunderman, “if I am not consistent with something the girls call me on it, and then we discuss it. We have mutual respect for each other, and consistency is part of that.”

Little Wound wants their students and athletes to be successful. They don’t want success of just basketball – just because it is basketball, we want success in academics with the idea that the athletic area compliments the academic. “Students first,” said Lunderman, “are our motivation. The kids and the coaches have to understand that.”

“We will be an exciting team to watch,” said Lunderman. “I would like to take this to State; it will be good so that the younger ones can see what can be done. The girls in the middle school are worth watching. That is where they pick up the basic skills. I watch their foot work, their defense, how they hustle, and their skills. The young ones have

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LWHS potential “pics” for basketball team. (Photo by Anna Bee)

Little Wound Mustangs gear up for season

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — Little Wound’s Mustang coach Bill Rickets is optimistic about the upcoming season.

“We have on the boys side, grades nine through 12 approximately 88 boys who signed up to participate in Little Wound’s boys basketball program,” said Bill Rickets, basketball coach at Little Wound High School. “That is a large amount of numbers, we have a future here, we have a lot of interest, we are the largest contract school and it is time for us to start leading the way.”

“What I mean by leading the way,” Rickets continued, “is getting these students attendance a little stronger, and their grades a little better so they would be eligible. We have big numbers but only a small minute number is eligible to participate.”

“I like to keep track of why some students are not eligible for basketball, so I can explain it to concerned guardians. At this time the eligible number is in the counselor’s hands. I have a sheet where I ask, if they are ineligible, why is it that he is ineligible. I like to have that in writing.”

“Anytime, I have asked, our administrator Dr. Lynda Earring, for help, as far as making these students better, as far as student athlete, she has been very supportive and has been very much there,” said Rickets. “Anytime I have asked a question she does research and she gets back to me in a very professional manner I think this is our key to success. It starts with our administrator, very eager very ready to listen. I haven’t gotten my way

every time yet, I still need to work on that. The school has set a criteria for academics first, then eligibility. That is the way it should be. We have a program run by our dean of students, Smiley Sierra. He is willing to stay after school and help these kids, so there is help, and any parents with any questions should call one of the administrators of the school.”

“We have a lot of young freshman boys because the older boys are not eligible. As far as the freshman, big time numbers there, we have some great talent coming up in that bunch, , it excites me to see the eagerness in them; when I get here at 20 minutes to 8 they are already in the gym playing, they play at lunch time they play after school. This young group of boys has caught my eye and I am willing to give them 110 percent. We will be at the State Tournament by the time they are juniors, and taking home a trophy by the time they reach their senior year.”

“Assistant basketball coach Jamie Feather Earring will be helping me out with the JV and Smiley Sierra will be working with the freshman, said Rickets. “There is ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity basketball. The criteria for varsity is skill and eligibility. I think this year the ninth graders may be pushing some of the seniors out of their position simply by their desire, and that is a challenge to the seniors to come back and hold their position by making practice everyday. You practice like you are going to play in a game and if you don’t practice you don’t play in a game for me.”

“We begin practice on

12:01 am on the 28th, either late Sunday night or early Monday morning, depending on how you look at it. We practice for two hours, stay in the gym, sleep all night, get up at 6 a.m., start another two hour practice, then we’ll have breakfast here at school, go to class and then our third practice that day will be here at 3:45 after school. The student athletes are all excited about this. It isn’t mandatory, but I feel we’ll have a pretty good turn out,” said Rickets. “Nobody has said they have to stay home and go to bed. At 6 a.m. I tell them practice in 10 minutes, and I throw the ball up in the air, I tell them the number of times that ball bounces is the number of laps they have to run, and they will be there, on time,” Rickets said, “it’s just part of my strategy.”

“We have our first jamboree game in Sioux Falls on Dec. 4. We play a jamboree against AA schools there; it is an introduction for breaking in of new official and the players so everybody understands the new rules.” Rickets said. “There are a lot of new rules, and most of them end up in a technical foul, after the second one, you are sent to the locker room. They are really going to enforce this about profanity and chest up; you know where two boys or two girls act like they are going to fight. They are really going to get strict on that, this is not just targeting Native American schools, this is nation wide.”

“Our schedules are early in the year, we have a lot of tournaments,” said Rickets. “We go to the Lakota Tournament LNI, Dec. 14 through the 18. The way it

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current and prospective Big Foot Conference officials. The workshop features Dave Dolan, Kevin Bad Wound and Ken Orth to cover a variety of topics including: two person mechanics, court coverage, half court, full court, jump ball, time outs, free throws, out of bounds, pre-game agenda, how to handle and converse with coaches, communication with your partner, proper attire, reporting procedure, good judgment and accepting constructive criticism.

“It is very important that young athletes be provided with competent officiating at

an early age – this jamboree is designed to specifically provide the training necessary to assure your student athletes that the proper officiating fundamentals are being taught to all officials,” said Wayne Carney, executive director of the SDHSAA.

The jamboree gets underway on Saturday morning at 9:15 a.m. when Pierre girls play at Pine Ridge and the Sully Buttes girls play at Red Cloud; at 10:10 a.m. Pierre boys play at Pine Ridge and Sully Buttes boys play at Red Cloud. In the afternoon at 12:15 p.m. Pierre girls play at Red Cloud and Sully Butte

girls play at Pine Ridge and at 1:05 p.m. Pierre boys play at Red Cloud and Sully Buttes boys play at Pine Ridge. The games are 40 minute scrimmages to be used for practice for officials with no official score being kept.

Over the same weekend, Bennett County and Little Wound boys and girls will travel to Sioux Falls to scrimmage Sioux Falls Roosevelt and Washington High schools.

For information on the basketball official workshop call Bryan Brewer at 455-6532, Jen Schaer at 867-1289 or Beau LeBeau at 455-6522.

LWHS girls basketball: *Continued from A7*

to learn about respect. You can tell them they should do this or they should do that, they should go to State but they have to understand why they need to develop certain skills, why they are asked to practice with certain drills. You have to show them. You have to help develop goals and then give them help to achieve those goals.”

“It’s not about winning; it’s about “getting it real,” said Lunderman. “We have a lot of unrealistic perceptions of basketball and its place in somebody’s life.

Basketball is a popular sport, there is heavy emphasis on winning games, and sometimes this philosophy is at a high cost to the young people. Put things in perspective, it’s not about winning or competitiveness, you don’t get the big reward in life because you win a basketball game. The game is life.”

Little Wound School, Girls Basketball Schedule, 2004-2005

Dec. 4, Jamboree, Sioux Falls, 10 a.m. CST, Dec. 9, Red Cloud, Home, 4:30 p.m., Dec.14-18, LNI, Rapid City,

TBA, Jan. 4, Todd County, Away, 3:30 p.m. CST, Jan. 7, Takini, Home, 4:30 p.m., Jan. 15, Bennett County, Mission, 5:45 p.m. CST, (Rosebud Shoot-Out), Jan. 17, C-EB, Home, 4:30 p.m., Jan. 21, Pine Ridge, Away, 4:30 p.m., Jan. 26-29, DOC, Huron, TBA, Feb. 3, Kadoka, Away,4:30 p.m., Feb. 19, McLaughlin, Home, 4:30 p.m., Feb.15, St Francis, Away, 5:30 p.m. CST, Feb. 18, C-EB, Away, 3:30 p.m., Feb. 22 to 24, Districts, TBA, TBA, Mar. 5, Regionals, TBA, TBA, Mar. 10-12, State, TBA, TBA.

LWHS boys basketball: *Continued from A1*

turns out, we will have seven practices before we go to the jamboree in Sioux Falls, and then we come back, and then counting Saturday and Sunday we will have seven more practices in before LNI. Then after the LNI we play the Snowball Classic on Dec. 28 that will be held in Winner and Jan. 4 we play Todd County at Mission, and then we have the Rosebud Shoot Out on Jan. 8 at Santee, Neb. So were talking about now, we only have 3 home games scheduled this year, Jan 14 at Pine Ridge, Jan. 17 at Eagle Butte, and Jan 18 at Red Cloud.”

“In the LNI placement there are 16 teams and we were seated 12th,” says Ricketts. “It means that there is no one respecting us at this time. The teams behind us are basically B schools, we have our backs against the wall, and the other coaches see this too.”

“Ricketts continued, “It is intense with all of the away games, and the students


will miss a lot of school, There again, we talk about eligibility, and with our schedule, with only 3 home games, the rest on the road, a lot of them tournaments, we come back to that Dakota Challenge tournament Jan. 26 – 28, in Huron, the student athletes will miss a lot of school then so we have a lot of students trying to catch up academically with all of our road games. That is a grueling schedule for 15 and 16 year old boys to go though.”

“Hopefully the athletic director the administrators and I can sit down and work on next years scheduling,” Ricketts said, “I hope to have, input next year to say how to build a schedule for a winning and successful season. We need to have more home games first of all, and balance these games so that we are not playing so many power houses in a row: First we are having Eagle Butte come into our gym, they are rated number one right now in the LNI and seated num-

ber one, and we play Red Cloud, they are well respected and have a program going there and they come in the following night, three days later we have Pine Ridge come into our home and it just is a hard schedule to participate against”

Games:

Dec 4, Jamboree @ Sioux Falls, Dec 14 – 18: Lakota Nation Invitational @RPCC, Dec 28 – Snowball Classic @ Winner, Jan 4 – Todd County @ Mission, Jan 8th - Rosebud “Shoot Out” @Santee NE, Jan 14th - Pine Ridge @ Kyle, Jan 17th – Eagle Butte @ Kyle, Jan 18th – Red Cloud @ Kyle, Jan 26 – 29th Dakota Oyate Challenge @ Huron, Feb 10th – St. Francis @ St. Francis, Feb. 18th – Eagle Butte @ Eagle Butte, Feb 19th – McLaughlin @ McLaughlin, Feb 21st – Kadoka @ Kadoka, Feb 25th – Bennett County @ Martin, Mar 1-3rd Districts @ TBA, Mar 8th – Regional @ RPCC, Mar 17 – 19th State Tournament @ Rapid City.



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For more information call Human Resources at 605-867-5141 or call Donna at 605-441-4141

The following documents are required for all applications: Copy of High School Diploma or GED, copy of valid Driver's License, Copy of Social Security Card, Degree of Indian Blood (if claiming Indian preference), also any certificates pertaining to the position applied for.



Sicangu Oyate have access to tribal technology and education centers

By Vi Wain
Lakota Times Correspondent

ROSEBUD — Have you always wanted to learn how to use a computer but never had the chance? The Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Education Department now has several computer labs open to the general public.

The Tribal Technology and Education Centers are now located in Rosebud, Antelope, St. Francis, White River, Swift Bear, Norris and Parmelee. Each site has several personal computers available for both high school students and adults to use.

Some of the computers at each TTEC also offer access to the Internet. Users may browse the World Wide Web through a high speed DSL connection – all free of charge! In addition, several educational courses are provided at the sites.

One of these courses is known as the Skills Bank 5 study program. Instructors are available on-site to help members of the public get started in these academic tutorial programs.

With Skills Bank 5, high school students and adults can review, refresh and revive core basic high school skills while improving test performance. Each subject is presented as a non-threatening self-paced tutorial.

Every program in the series also

has pre-tests to determine areas of strength and weakness, so students may progress through more efficiently. The post-tests indicate percentage of gain in specific and overall areas.

For example, students who wish to improve reading skills can brush up or build key fundamentals with self-paced instruction covering vocabulary, Latin roots, compound words, word usage and reading comprehension. Participants can also learn and review language arts fundamentals including capitalization, punctuation, parts of speech and verbs, along with grammar development and reinforcement of spelling and language skills.

The writing program can boost individual writing ability and improve language mechanics. Instruction covers parts of speech, sentence structure and paragraph organization. Lessons include comprehension skills, effective letter writing and communication strategies throughout the program.



Parmelee's Tribal Technology & Education Center is located in the James Black Bull, Jr. Memorial Community Hall. Several computers and a printer are available to users. (Photo by Vi Wain)

The basic and intermediate math programs are designed to build a strong foundation in mathematics concepts with step-by-step tutorials, practice lessons and helpful visual aids in topics like proportions and percent, geometry, statistics and probability. In addition, the algebra program will allow students to devel-

op an understanding in equations, inequalities, polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, functions, graphing and systems of equations.

Finally, Skills Bank courses will reinforce key concepts in life science, physical science, earth science, biology, chemistry and physics. These courses will also

complement the algebra series.

Another program being offered by each site features free on-line computer courses through Skill Soft e-learning. Participants must have an e-mail address for these courses and can visit any TTEC to set up a free e-mail account. Topics

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Walking Forward: *To'katakiya zanniyan omani pi ye/yo* Rapid City Regional Hospital research project focuses on cancer treatment for Native Americans

RAPID CITY — An overview of a cancer research project aimed at increasing access to clinical trials and new technologies among Native Americans in South Dakota appeared in the Nov. 15 issue of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

The project, Walking Forward *To'katakiya zanniyan omani pi ye/yo*, a partnership of Rapid City Regional Hospital, the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the Mayo Rochester Comprehensive Cancer Center,



Rapid City Regional Hospital

was awarded a five-year \$5.4 million grant in 2002 from NCI's Cancer Dis-

increase clinical trial participation among Native Americans, who experience higher cancer death rates than the general population largely because they are often diagnosed with more advanced stages of disease.

"Traditionally, Native Americans have been less likely to benefit from the progress being made in cancer research because of a multitude of barriers," said Daniel Peterreit, MD, principal investigator for the project

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Legislation increases housing loan opportunities for Native American veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. House of Representatives passed two separate measures recently. Earlier this year, Rep. Stephanie Herseth introduced H.R.5153, the Native American Veterans Home Loan Act, and H.R.4950, a bill to extend the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War. Both measures were included as part of the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act, which passed the House last week.

Herseth, who is a member of the Veterans' Affairs committee and Benefits subcommittee, has been working with her colleagues to ensure her legislation's inclusion in the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act.

"I am proud that the first legislative provisions I've authored to pass the House will honor the sacrifice of those who have served our country," Herseth said. "These impor-

tant bills will help extend loan opportunities to Native American veterans, and help improve compensation and rehabilitation programs, and health care benefits for former POWs."

H.R.5153, Native American Veterans Home Loan Act of 2004, which Rep. Herseth introduced on Sept. 28, will extend the Native American veteran housing loan pilot program until Dec. 31, 2008.

The VA pilot program provides direct home loans to eligible Native American veterans who wish to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American Trust lands. This extension will allow more veterans living on trust lands to take advantage of this important benefit, which is scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2005.

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Rosebud Sioux Tribe gives the gift of wellness

By Natasha D. Bordeaux
RST Diabetes Prevention

ROSEBUD — Ask anyone who has lost a limb to diabetic complications, or anyone on dialysis if they could have stopped diabetes from taking over their life -- would they have?

I'm willing to bet the answer is yes.

The good news is that most people can prevent diabetes from happening to them.

It's a matter of recognizing your risk and taking charge of your health.

Changing a way of life is difficult. It is hard not to eat certain foods, to eat less, and to exercise more. After a



Natasha Bordeaux

lifetime of enjoying high-fat foods like greasy pizza, cheeseburgers and French fries -- eating more skinless chicken breast and vegetables isn't easy.

Most adults can't think of giving up their daily dose of pop. Many reward themselves with a well-deserved snack of chips and doughnuts after a long-days work.

These same adults tend to lead relatively sedentary lives. They rarely exercise. Most walk to their car twice a day and do little else as far as moving their bodies.

Habits like these are hard to change in adults.

But what if we could have reached those adults when they were children?

What if we could have taught them how to eat well and exercise more while they were still forming their life habits? What a difference we would see.

Well that's what the Rosebud



Diabetes screening

Sioux Tribe Diabetes Prevention Program aims to do.

Teaching children to make better health decisions affords them the opportunity to form life-long healthy habits.

With a little guidance and intervention, those children who were once on their way toward a life-time of unhealthy eating and inactivity can now look forward to a world not

centered around the limitations of poor health.

We teach youth and parents about healthy food choices. We offer assistance in establishing an exercise routine. We provide incentives like basketballs, sports wear, beauty products, bikes and others to



Youth, adults and the elderly from across the Rosebud Reservation gathered in solidarity and prayer during the Four Directions Walk sponsored by the RST DPP on November 5. The walk was just one of the diabetes awareness events sponsored by the RST DPP in recognition of November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

motivate our clients.

We aim to help children and their families form life-long healthy

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Housing loan from B1

Since its inception of the pilot program in 1992, the VA has made more than 400 direct loans to Native American veterans - including 17 from South Dakota - which can be used to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American trust land. The VA direct loans are generally limited to either the cost of the home or \$80,000, depending on which is less.

H.R.4950, introduced by Herseth on July 22, extends to 2009 the requirement that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War submit biennial reports to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the programs and activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs that pertain to former prisoners of war.

The bill would require reports from the Advisory Committee of Former Prisoners of War every two years through 2009, a five-year extension of current law. The advisory committee reviews department policies and makes suggestions to improve compensation, rehabilitation

programs and health care benefits for former POWs.

Ms. Herseth said in her presentation of the measures, "The first of these measures is a provision to extend to 2010 the Veterans Administration's Native American Home Loan pilot program. This program directs home loans to eligible Native American veterans who wish to purchase, construct or improve a home on tribal trust lands. This extension will allow more veterans living on tribal trust lands to take advantage of this important benefit over the next six years."

Since the inception of this pilot program in 1992, the Department of Veterans Affairs has made more than 400 direct loans to Native American veterans, including loans to 17 veterans from my State of South Dakota. These loans are important tools for helping Native Americans purchase, construct or improve homes in Indian country.

Walking forward from B1

and radiation oncologist at Regional Hospital's John T. Vucurevich Cancer Care Institute in Rapid City.

"To address these barriers, we are working closely with Native Americans in Western South Dakota to develop innovative approaches that will ensure that they have equal access to the best possible care."

The project focuses on the Native American population in Western South Dakota, and has three main objectives: to identify the major factors responsible for health care disparities among Native Americans served by Rapid City Regional Hospital; to determine whether shorter, but equally effective courses of treatment will enhance the acceptability and completion rate of radiotherapy; and to establish whether there is a genetic basis for anecdotal reports that Native Americans experience greater side effects from radiation therapy.

Researchers noted that a number of geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic barriers keep Native Americans from accessing clinical trials and other components of quality cancer care. They found that the distance between the hospital and reservation (average of 110 miles) is often so great that many Native Americans cannot complete a full course of radiation, which typically lasts 6-8 weeks. In addition, cultural beliefs may influence Native Americans to rely solely on traditional healers instead of seeking care at a cancer clinic.

To address these issues, the researchers designed clinical trials involving innovative therapies that will shorten treatment time significantly, to 1-4 weeks. Therapies include helical tomotherapy and brachytherapy, which target the cancerous tissue while avoiding nearby healthy tissue. A clinical trial is a scientific study to determine the safety and effectiveness of a new treatment. New treatments are tested on people only after they are found to be safe and effective in both test tube and animal studies. These trials will be available to Native Americans and non-Native Americans alike.

In addition, the project includes a "patient navigator program" a grass roots effort involving both researchers and members of the community that will provide culturally appropriate education to the community on cancer prevention, screening, and treatment; facilitate participation in the project's clinical trials and community survey; and assist Native American cancer patients in utilizing the health care system.

Finally, the project will offer a genetic test to determine whether Native Americans carry a gene that may cause them to experience more severe side effects from radiation. A particular DNA repair gene will be investigated.

In addition, researchers noted that they hope findings from the Native American project can serve as a model for improving

access to clinical trials and quality cancer care among the many underserved populations in the United States.

"Increasing Access To Clinical Cancer Trials and Emerging Technologies For Minority Populations: The Native American Project." Daniel G. Petereit, et al, John T. Vucurevich Cancer Care Institute, Rapid City, South Dakota and University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, Madison, WI.

The Journal of Clinical Oncology (JCO) is the semi-monthly peer-reviewed journal of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the world's leading professional society representing physicians who treat people with cancer.

JCO publishes original research and reviews in breast cancer, gastrointestinal cancer, hematologic malignancies, molecular oncology, lung cancer, genitourinary cancer, head and neck cancer, pediatric oncology, neurooncology, supportive care and quality of life issues, prevention, and phase I and clinical pharmacology. Its readership comprises practicing clinical oncologists, researchers, students, individuals in training, and allied health professionals throughout the world. Members of the American Society of Clinical Oncology as well as nonmember subscribers and patrons of medical libraries globally utilize the groundbreaking research published in each issue of JCO.

Wellness from B1

habits.

We hope to reach them before they get diabetes, before the insulin resistance, before the heart-ache of diabetic limitations sets in.

By screening children from Head Start through grade 12 for risk factors, the RST Diabetes Prevention Program identifies those who most need help adjusting their eating habits and activity levels - and attempts to steer them back on track.

Our job is a difficult one, but it is one that must be done.

Our studies have found that over half of all our youth on the Rosebud Reservation are at high risk for developing diabetes. In a few years, our healthcare system could be overwhelmed with youth and young adults battling diabetic complications if we don't do something now.

Diabetes has reached epidemic levels among our people.

We have come to a health crisis. Every family, every adult, every child amongst our tribe is affected by diabetes in one way or another.

We all know the heartache of watching a loved-one suffer the effects of diabetes. Most of us can name friends or family members that have felt the ravages of diabetes.

Through intervention and education we aim to change the unhealthy lifestyle habits in the youth and the adults that



Rosebud Sioux Tribal elders, Pansy Schmidt, Marcella Prue, and Lois Antoine all work their arm muscles in a "reach and pull" motion that was part of the RST DPP's work out presentation at the RST Elderly Summit on November 17. The RST DPP staff designed the armchair aerobics workout especially for the elderly.

surround them.

Our goal is to set our people on a path toward a healthy, diabetes-free life. We want everyone to know and discuss how to live healthier lives.

By educating the public, schools and communities we hope to increase awareness of diabetes and the ways to prevent it.

Ultimately, we hope to see our people free of the hardships caused by poor food choices and inactivity. We wish to see our people enjoying the gift of wellness and long life.

All elderly, adults and youth who wish to improve their health are welcome to use the workout facilities at the RST Diabetes Prevention Office in Rosebud. Call us at (605) 747-4600.

Through exercise and healthier food choices Natasha Bordeaux recently lowered her own risk of developing diabetes and is now teaching her three children about healthier food choices for life. Natasha is the public relations specialist for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Diabetes Prevention Program.

Technology from B1

range from business writing, professional telephone skills, photography, taxes, web design, first-aid, human resources, basic math, e-mail, environmental, safety, health and transportation.

Skill Soft e-learning also includes pre- and a post-assessment to ensure that learning is tailored to the individual user. This is a great opportunity to make you more marketable in the work force or to improve your personal skills. To register for any program, please stop by or call your local TTEC according to the following locations and schedules.

Rosebud's TTEC is located in the basement of the Sicangu Nation Employment & Training Program building north of the fairgrounds. Computers are available to individuals Monday through Friday (8 a.m. -5 p.m.).

The centers are also available to all local programs and agencies. For instance, a class recently offered to Tribal programs featured instruction in using the Microsoft Word program. Call Tuffy Morrison at (605) 747-2393 for more information about Rosebud's TTEC. The St. Francis TTEC is located in the last building on the south end of town, which also houses the RST Diversion and Wellness Court programs. Evening hours are every Tuesday



Students at the St. Francis TTEC improve their typing skills using the Mavis Beacon Typing Program. (Photo by Vi Waln)

and Thursday from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. The center is also open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Bernice Whiting or Vi Waln at (605) 747-5617 during the above listed hours for more information.

The Parmelee TTEC is located in the James Black Bull Jr. Memorial Community Hall. It is open every Tuesday (3 p.m.-9 p.m.) and Thursday (3p.m.-7 p.m.). Call Vi Waln at (605) 747-5967 during the above hours for more information.

The Antelope TTEC is located in the Edd Charging Elk Community Hall. They are open Monday through Thursday (1-8 p.m.). Call Georgia Bordeaux or Midas Gunhammer at (605) 856-4361 for more information.

The Swift Bear TTEC is located in the community hall. They are open on Wednesdays (9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.). The computer lab (Room 126) at the White River High School is also open from 4:30-6:30 pm on

Mondays and Wednesdays.

In addition, the Horse Creek TTEC will open in December and offer hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You may call Nora Antoine at the Swift Bear Learning Center (605) 259-3407 on Wednesdays for more information on the three sites in White River.

The Norris TTEC is located in the Ben Looking White Hall. This site also serves the Corn Creek and Black Pipe communities and is open for GED study on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.). Call Mary Keefe at (605) 462-6283 for more information.

The RST Education Department also has computers available for any other reservation district or community which requests them. Interested community Chairpersons or youth group Advisors may call Technology Specialist Juanita Bonhorst at (605) 747-2833 or toll free (877) 691-8183 for more information.

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Quite moments, worship GOD.

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Every moment, thank GOD.

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Eugene E. Short Horn

KYLE — Eugene E. Short Horn, 69, Kyle, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Survivors include four sons, Larry Short Horn, Kansas City, Mo., William Short Horn, Sioux Falls, and Victor Short Horn and Gaylord Short Horn, both of Kyle; three daughters, Jo Ann Short Horn and Marla Short Horn, both of Kyle, and Donna Peniska, Sioux Falls; two brothers, Albert Short Horn and Levi Short Horn, Kyle; two sisters, Edna Short Horn and Barbara Short Horn, both of Kyle; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A two-night wake begin. Monday, Nov. 22, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Kyle. Services were Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the church, with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl and the Rev. Joe Brown Thunder officiating. Burial was at St. Barnabas Episcopal Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Maryann Nelson

ALLEN — Maryann Nelson, 65, Allen, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, in Martin. Survivors include her husband, Narcisse Nelson, Martin; one son, James Nelson, Allen; six daughters, Lois Gotheridge, Martin, Nadine Reddy, Jennifer Nelson-Haight and Jeanette Red Bear, all of Allen, and Dorothy Nelson and Maria Nelson, both of Kyle; four brothers, Larry Black Bear and Cornell Ruff, both of Allen, Seth Ruff, Pittsburgh, and Gebo Black Bear, Salt Lake City; three sisters, Sharlene May, Allen, Annabelle Black Bear, Pine Ridge, and Violet Easter, Spokane, Wash.; 29 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A two-night wake began Sunday, Nov. 21, at American Horse School in Allen. Services were

Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the school, with the Rev. Frank Schmitt and the Rev. Daniel Makes Hard officiating. Burial was at Salway Family Cemetery in Allen. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Larry “John Boy” Yellow Earring

EAGLE BUTTE — Larry “John Boy” Yellow Earring, 32, Eagle Butte, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at IHS Hospital in Eagle Butte. An all-night wake began Thursday, Nov. 18, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte. Services will be at 2 p.m. today at the cultural center, with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat, Deacon Dora Bruguier and Deacon Violet Good Bear officiating. Burial will be at Bear Creek Cemetery in Lantry. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge is in charge of arrangements.

Myrnett F. Janis

KYLE — Myrnett F. Janis, 67, Kyle, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Ellen Steven's Hospice Center in Kyle. Survivors include her husband, Joseph Janis, Kyle; four sons, Ronald Janis, Greg Janis, Craig Janis and Joseph Janis Jr., all of Kyle; five brothers, Albert Apple and Bill Apple, both of Martin, Donald Garnette, Rapid City, and Harlen Garnette and Carl Garnette, both of Gordon, Neb.; 11 sisters, Ramona Ashmore, Salt Lake City, Amanda Takes War Bonnett, Kyle, Charlene Bush, Alvina Katherine DuBray, Jackie Reddy, Devonna Bush, all of Martin, Phyllis Apple of Rapid City, Charlotte Conroy, Wanblee, Jackie Garnette, Gordon, Phyllis Garnette, Wounded Knee, Alice Conroy, Scotts-bluff, Neb., and Elvira Mosqueda, Fort Morgan, Colo.; 20 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A one night wake



service was Friday, Nov. 19, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Hall in Kyle. Services were. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the church hall, with the Rev. Frank Schmitt officiating. Burial was at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Bobbie Kaye Hacker

ALLEN — Bobbie Kaye Hacker, 32, Allen, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, in Martin as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors include her husband, Edward Hacker, Deadwood; two sons, Arrow Hacker and Jevon Hacker, both of Allen; two daughters, Tasina Hacker and Amaya Hacker, both of Allen; her mother, Clara Rodriguez, Allen; one brother, Richard Poor Bear, Allen; and two sisters, Elaine Gibbons and Holly Quinn, both of Allen. A two-night wake began. Thursday, Nov. 18, at American Horse School in Allen. Services were Saturday, Nov. 20, at the school, with the Rev. Paul Bently officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. John Around Him. Burial was at Allen Community Cemetery. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

In loving memory of
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Memorial birthday Nov. 16, 2004 was
Floyd's birthday

Forever in Our Hearts
We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday,
And days before that, too.
We think of you in silence,
We speak your name with pride,
And we relive our memories of living
side by side.
Your memory is our keepsake
With with we'll never part.
Tunkasila has you in his keeping...
We have you in our heart.

From his parents and family James
and Eleanor Charging Crow

Ask Anna

Dear Anna:

I'm 26-years old, a single mother with three kids and divorced. I have been with their father since I was 17-years old. We have been separated for about one year. I was pregnant with our third child when he decided to leave me for another woman, claiming I was pregnant from his brother. I thought that having the third baby was going to save our relationship, well, he is now married to another woman, and she lost their first baby and is now pregnant again. SAD, I still keep up with his life. He only sees our kids when he feels like he needs to be a father. This year has been really hard for me, but relieving that a little now, she has to put up with him. What I am asking is: Will I ever get over him?

Help Me, Rosebud

Dear Help Me:

Man! Who is it you are in love with? The real man or somebody that you have made up in your head? I hope he is rich, because even really good looks cannot make up for this heart break. You will recover from him as soon as you get really honest with yourself about who he is, and how he relates to you and your children. Don't make up excuses for him, just look at him honestly. The Creator designs who parents will be, and perhaps that is why the two of you were together – because these children wouldn't be who they are if the parents were not you and he. I see you really wanting him still, but when you get honest, you will discover that what you really want is an idea of him. The idea that he is a good father, a good provider, loyal and will create a good home for you is the real love. You and he have been growing up together. He is still a kid, and you have to step into the role of adulthood. Don't worry, as soon as honesty hits your brain and your heart, you will let him go. You may keep the memories that are a gift of adulthood.

Besides that, you have a new boyfriend coming to you in March.

Dear Anna:

Who do you see winning the Super Bowl?

All Bets are on in Pine Ridge

Dear All Bets:

I know nothing about who is playing, and don't even have a T.V. but my psychic hunch is the New York Jets. (Is that a football team?)

Dear Anna:

I want to know what am I getting for Christmas.

Just want to know in Kyle

Dear Just want to know:

The Creator keeps a mask over Christmas gifts and surprises. I can't see anything but presents: 3 big ones and 2 small ones.

Dear Anna

I am 42 years old, and lately have been feeling bad. I have trouble getting going in the morning, and my left side hurts every morning. I don't want to go to the doctor because I am scared that I have cancer, because both my mom and my dad had cancer, and my sister has breast cancer. What is going to happen to me? Do I have cancer?

Scared in Martin

Dear Scared:

I don't see cancer at this time, but do see inflammation in the left ovarian area, perhaps a small cyst or growth. The tiredness is probably related to a hormone problem directly associated with this condition. I don't mean to lecture you, but health care is a blessing, please don't curse it with your fear. Symptoms are a language of the body. They tell you when things are out of balance. Please see a health care worker, whether it be your medicine man or your physician. I do see, however, you going to the clinic, and I see a small procedure that will leave you feeling better. Watch yourself, as a predisposition to cancer doesn't mean death – unless you ignore the symptoms.

Dear Anna:

I have been fighting a custody battle with the state of South Dakota for three years. I had a rough time a while ago, and there was a lot of fighting and drinking in my home, but things have changed. I go to school and I have been clean and sober for eight months. Can I get my baby back?

Broken Hearted Mom in Rapid

Dear Broken Hearted:

I see supervised visits beginning right away, and more freedom during the next three months, with your son coming home for weekend visits by about March or April. Full custody should return to you upon completion of your parenting classes and a couple of visits to your home by social services, probably sometime in late April or early May.

Dear Anna:

My girlfriend filed assault charges on me last weekend. I swear I didn't hit her, she flew at me in a rage and I moved real fast and she bashed her face on the door jam. Can I get out of this mess?

Falsely Arrested in Pine Ridge

Dear Falsely Arrested:

Not likely, seems as though you have a previous record. Please seek help. Anger and drinking don't mix. Anger is choice to react in a defensive manner because something has gotten in your way. First stop drinking, and secondly breathe and think, then decide whether the person you are acting like is the person you want to be.

You'll be okay I see you growing up to be respectable, probably take about five years.

Dear Anna:

My wife has filed for divorce. I don't want this. We both made mistakes, but I love her. We have been married for three years, but together for five. We have two kids. I love my family.

Broken Hearted in Martin

Dear Broken Hearted:

Things will work out. I see Thanksgiving time as a little tense, but things will be much better by Christmas. Take your kids out with you to visit people, help mom and show her the respect you want her to feel. Love takes tender concern and I feel you two healing this relationship. Look for reconciliation after hard work in February. Don't be jealous, this relationship trouble is reflective of the trouble between you, not another man.

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A special thanks to: **Little Wound High School Students, staff and other departments** of the school for bgeing lots of help and for helping with the Jackie Bird assembly on Nov. 5th, 2004. I don't know where I could've done my project at if it weren't for y'all...

God Bless
Trevor "YO Man"
Iron Cloud

Thank you to the **YO Program** for letting me complete my first fabulous project that was my major life skill activity of the year yet!! I was extremely busy and I believe that maybe one day I'll be recognized all over the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation... Josh!!... Thank you for everything..

God Bless you all!!
Trevor "Doni,
Angie, Serena, &
Tiny's Yo Man 4
ever" Iron Cloud

Thank you to my
#1 Hero - Unci - Friend! Tiny DeCory!!

For a fabulous trip to Anaheim, California from November 8, 2004 to November 14, 2004!!! I enjoyed kicking it with you, Lindsey, Ryan, Ray, Steven, Tyler, and the gang!! Disneyland and California was totally awesome!!! I had a good time but when we got back to SD Airport after y'all left...I missed y'all...I can't wait till next year when we go to Washinton, D.C. for the NAEYC Conference.... Thanks to Doni & Angie for the travel check to Anaheim!!

Love u lots! My herol!
Your **YO MAN!**
Trevor Iron Cloud

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Like to wish **Shalyn Janis a very Happy Birthday on Nov. 19.** Hope you have a great day. And to **Tyrees Red Owl** a belated Happy Birthday Nov. 1. We love you very much. From you family in Kyle. Mom, Dad, Ray, Clay, Shadow.

Happy 14th Birthday to **Eric Lone Hill** On Nov. 27, 2004 Have a good one Eric
From: Mom & your brother and sisters in Kyle.



Happy 4th Birthday to **Verlin Old Horse Jr. (Mister)**

On November 22, 2004, can't believe our baby boy is already 4 years old have fun and cut down on that cake and don't look so crabby all the time.

From: Mom, Dad, Kelc, Jheaton, Raelynn and Kellie.



Happy 12th Birthday to **Blair Wolters**

On November 25, 2004. One more year and you will be a teenager. How time flies.

We love you son. From Dad, Vanessa, Elise, JJ, Asa, Uncle Ben, Grandma and Grandpa



Happy 6th Birthday to our baby girl **Elise Rain Wolters**

On December 5, 2004. You are growing up so fast. I can't believe you are already 6 years old. It seems like just yesterday that you were born.

We love you princess. From Dad, Mom, Blair, JJ, Asa, Uncle Ben and Grandmas and Grandpas.

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Position: Detention Program Coordinator
Salary: \$34,320 per year
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Open: Wednesday, November 24, 2004 (All Positions)
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Please have the following required documents when applying for this position: Valid Driver's License, High School Diploma/GED, Social Security Card, Degree of Indian Blood (if claiming Indian preference), any/all certificates pertaining to the job.

For more information please contact the OST-DPS Human Resources Office at 605-867-5141

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Maintenance/Carpenter Inspector/Maintenance Western Division

Maintenance/Carpenters (2 positions) Central Division

Maintenance/Carpenter (3 positions) Inspector/Maintenance (extended) Eastern Division

Salary as budgeted

Opening Date: November 22, 2004, 8:00 a.m.
Closing Date: December 6, 2004, 4:30 p.m.

How to apply: Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Manager. Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veteran Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License. Resumes must have addresses and telephone numbers of past or present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

Will be drug/alcohol tested. Selection for the position will be contingent upon a negative test result. Applicant is subject to Background investigation. Expenses are at the applicants cost. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

For positions description and additional information please contact the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Manager at 605-867-5161, ext. 104

Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Reserves the Right to reject all Applications.

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The Prairie Wind Casino is soliciting proposals for auditing services for the accounting period ending December 31, 2004

The audit must be conducted in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standard 542.3 (f), "An independent certified public accountant (CPA) shall be engaged to perform procedures to verify, on a test basis, that the gaming operation is in material compliance with the tribal internal control standards or a tribally approved variance that has received Commission concurrence. The procedures may be performed in conjunction with the annual audit. The CPA shall report its findings to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Tribal gaming regulatory authority, and management. The Tribe shall submit a copy of the report to the Commission within 120 days of the gaming operations's fiscal year end."

The proposal must state your understanding of the work to be done and must include the qualifications and experience of your firm and staff. A copy of your firm's latest quality review letter must be included in your proposal.

If applicable, minority and Indian preference must be requested in the proposal.

Cost will not be the only determining factor in awarding the proposal. The Prairie Wind Casino reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Proposals must be sealed and postmarked by November 26, 2004. Please address to: ATTN: Controller's Office - Audit 2004 Bid, Prairie Wind Casino, HC 49 Box 10, Pine Ridge, SD 57770.

Call 605-867-6300 Extension 134 for more information.



Little Wound School Kyle, South Dakota JOB VACANCIES

The Little Wound School Board is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2004-2005 school term.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPT.

- Computer Teacher
- English Teacher
- Custodian (closing date 11-26-04)
- Counselor (SAC)

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPT.

- Student Assistant (SPED)

ELEM. DEPT.

- Elem. Teacher (Grade 3)

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OTHER DEPTS.

- School Nurse (RN)
- Extra Duty Positions (16) (2004-2005 Sch. Yr.)

How to apply: Submit a completed LWS employment application to: Personnel Office, Little Wound School, Box 500, Kyle, SD 57752. To be considered the following documents must be attached to the application: Tribal enrollment to claim Indian preference, DD-214 to claim Veteran's preference, official college transcripts, teacher's certification, and other pertinent documentation/credentials. For more information call (605) 455-6178.

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS: It is the policy of the Little Wound School to provide an alcohol and drug-free workplace. All appointments for employment are contingent upon receipt of a verified negative drug test through pre-employment drug testing, receipt of a favorable background investigation and the availability of federal funds. The legal policy of Indian preference will be followed to qualified applicants. Veteran's preferences shall be applied to qualified veteran applicants.

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The Accounts Payable/Payroll Manager is responsible for processing all vendor payments, and monitors vendor accounts, reviews and makes sure all necessary documentation is attached. Responsible for processing payroll on a bi-weekly basis, processing all payroll reports and sets up and maintains all accounts payable and payroll files.

Qualifications:

1. High School/GED required. AA degree in accounting preferred, work experience would be considered in lieu of training.
2. Indian and Veteran preference is considered according to applicable law.
3. At least three (3) years business office experience required.
4. Payroll, general ledger and computer knowledge required.
5. Effective written and oral communication skills.
6. Must be bondable in accordance with policy.
7. Knowledge of Lakota history, culture, philosophy and language preferred.
8. Demonstrate proficiency in Lakota language and or willing to learn.

Requirements:

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Accounts Payable/Payroll Manager duties:

- a. To process checks for all the organization's payments.
- b. To ensure file completion for financial transactions.
- c. To maintain fiscal files for the business office.
- d. To maintain an updated vendor listing.
- e. To conduct an annual inventory of the corporations property and equipment.
- f. To process all employee timesheets and ensure file completion.
- g. Input all timesheets and run accurate payroll checks; obtain necessary signatures and distribute checks according to policies and procedures for the corporation.
- h. To maintain the latest information on fringe benefits, such as insurance, leave, etc.
- i. To process all payroll deductions, such as taxes, and make the necessary payments and appropriate reports to the corporation and other agencies.
- j. To record and file information related to payroll including deductions and benefits, on a timely basis in the appropriate files of the fiscal office.
- k. To maintain a current employee list for the organization.
- l. To orientate new employees on their rights and responsibilities regarding payroll and benefits.
- m. To prepare year end forms and reports, such as W-2's, and 1099's and submit them to the employees and other individuals as appropriate.
- n. To perform such other duties as may be required.
- o. To enter deposit information into the accounting system.
- p. To enter adjusting journal entries into the computerized accounting system after approval and documentation.

For all Applications, submit the following:

- * Application
- * Any Trainings Completed/Certificates
- * Drug Test (must be sent from business)
- * Background check (must be sent from business)
- * Veteran's Preference (if applicable)
- * All Degrees achieved
- * Blood Degrees if claiming Indian Preference (if applicable)

All attachments must accompany Applications to be complete before screening. Please bring in all applications, if faxing applications please call before faxing to alert proper personnel for reassurance.

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SPECIAL SECTION

Batesland School selects students of the month

BATESLAND — Batesland School has selected their students of the month and have notified the parents. The criteria used to select the students of the month is attendance, academics, and attitude.

Jacob Standing Bear

Batesland

Enjoys math, eating chicken nuggets, his favorite movie is Hell Boy, listens to all the Eminem songs he mom lets him listen to, enjoys football, and watches Sponge Bob. He won second place in the speech contest in Kindergarten. His parents are Charles and Emma Standing Bear and his grandparents are Jed Big Crow, Rita Buckman and Wilma Standing Bear. Jacob said education is very important because learning is fun and he can't wait to get into high school and then go to college.

Virgil Bush Jr.

Porcupine

He enjoys spelling, pizza and chicken nuggets, likes watching Sponge Bob and



Jacob Standing Bear



Virgil Bush Jr.



Grace Bush

Grace Bush
Porcupine
She enjoys math and reading, eating spaghetti, watching Freaky Friday, and listening to Britney Spears, and playing volleyball. Her special awards were in reading, math and perfect attendance. Her partners are Virgil and Adrienne Bush and his grandparents are Ron and Joy Bush, and Eleanor Weston. "I think education is important because that we learn stuff and make friends, besides our parents, teachers are important. Learning is how we grow, in our minds and our bodies. I like singing songs, learning new words and reading stories."



Denisssha Returns

outside the reservation."
Denisssha Returns
Pine Ridge
She enjoys reading, eating chili dogs, watching Finding Nemo, listening to Sunshine and playing basketball. Her favorite television show is Rug Rats and her special award was selling the most cookies for Girl Scouts. Her parents are Betty Bad Bear and Clarence Returns Sr. Her grandma is Cecelia Spotted Bear. "I think education is very important. Without education you can't get into



Marilyn Parmenter

college or get a good job. Reading is very important because it helps you learn about stuff that you never learned about or heard about."
Marilyn Parmenter
Batesland
She enjoys math and eating Chinese, watching Lord of Rings, Return of the King, and listening to Nelly and playing basketball. Her favorite books is Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and her favorite television show is Degrassi and

her special awards are all tourney and MVP of basketball tournaments. Her parents are Rena Conroy and Marlin Parmenter. Her grandparents Orville and Bertha Conroy and Gladys Bettelyoun and the late Marlyn Parmenter Sr. "The importance of education to me is all about getting past high school and going on to college, so you will have a good education and you will be able to get a good job."

Crow Creek High School A honor roll

CROW CREEK — The Crow Creek High School has announced their first quarter "A" honor roll as follows:

9th Grade

Azure, Johnnie (Sugar)
Taylor, Sammie
Two Hawks, Elton

10th Grade

Eagle Boy, Carmen
Jones, Ira
Kirkie, Keshia
McGhee, Hannah

Morgan, Rhiannon
Thompson, Sarah

11th Grade

Buum, Brittany
Drapeau, Scarlet
Hawk, Evan
Rencountre, Rachelle
Taylor, Joshua

12th Grade

Antelope, Shiela
Jones, Michael
Crow, Leslie
Koster, Bonnie

Crow Creek High School B honor roll

CROW CREEK — The Crow Creek High School has announced their first quarter "B" honor roll as follows:

9th Grade (22)

Aguilera, Yolonda
Benoist, Diandra
Big Eagle, Andy
Cottingham, Jesslyn
Cruz, Tessa
Drapeau, Alphonso Jr.
Egan, Della
Grey Owl, Tanisha
Guerue, Tara
Hamilton, Sierra
Hawk, Mary Jo
Herman, Nicolas
Jewett, Samantha
LeBeau, Tangerine
McGhee, Shawna
Medicine Crow, Maria
Merritt, Charity
Middletent, Perry
Smith, Shawn Jr.
St. John, Tony
Standing Bear, Joshua
Thomas, Terrell

10th Grade (18)

Big Eagle, Brad
Dolezal, Eric
Estes, Nicholas
Estes, Nicole
Fallis, Angel
Fallis, Lucy
Fassett, Samantha
Flute, Yolonda
Fox, Lacy
Hare, Lynnel
Harrison, Tristan
Jackson, Sean
Packard, Rachel
Rabbit, Marcus

Sazue, Kathryn
Thomas, Tyler
Thompson, Daphne
Wind, Allison

11th Grade (17)

Blacksmith, Tina
Collins, Wellman
Comes Flying, Krista
Few Tails, Lowell
Grey Owl, Lanissa
Harmon, Dianna
Iron Shell, Jamie
Irving, Richard
Jewett, Mary
Kirkie, Thomas
McGhee, Alana
Rank, Dwight
Ross, Ashley
Rouse, Thomas
Stoldt, Whitney
Thompson, Anna
Weasel Bear, Gayla

12th Grade (19)

Barker, Corey
Blaine, Ian
Comes Flying, Farlan
Dunn, Matthew
Fire Cloud, Darice
Fire Cloud, Larice
Fool Bull, Deseree
Fox, Samantha
His Law, Sandy
Johnson, Daniel
Koster, Amber
Lundberg, Charles
Patton, Alisha
Poulson, Stacy
Rank, Meldean Jr.
Roundhead, Terri
St. John, Matthew
Thompson, Kerra
Weasel Bear, Constance

Principal brings East Indian insights to Red Cloud

PINE RIDGE (AP) — The new principal at Red Cloud High School is not a Native American, but the Rev. Paul Coelho can tell his students he's of Indian descent.

Coelho, a Jesuit priest from East India, recently took over as leader of the school on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Although his native tongue is not Lakota or even English, Coelho understands tribal culture, poverty and kids — three things Pine Ridge has in abundance.

"I can't be pigeonholed here," he said, "so maybe I'm able to challenge them in ways they haven't been challenged before."

Coelho, 46, spent years working and teaching among northeast India's many indigenous tribes. He came to the United States as part of an agreement between his home province of Kohima and its U.S. twin province, the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus, to which South Dakota belongs.

After earning a doctorate in education from Marquette University, where he researched the academic achieve-

ment of tribal students, he intended to return to India. But his superiors asked him to consider missionary service on an American Indian reservation and he arrived at Red Cloud in May.

"I told him he was the only real Indian at Red Cloud," said Bob Brave Heart, superintendent of the Lakota Catholic school located a few miles east of Pine Ridge village.

Brave Heart may joke having an East Indian heading an American Indian school, but he's serious about Coelho's skills, qualifications and insights.

The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is in South Dakota's Shannon County, the poorest county in the nation.

Coelho said he won't let his students claim poverty as an excuse for underachievement in the classroom. He said he's seen poverty and despair in both urban and rural areas of India that makes life on the Pine Ridge reservation look positively prosperous by comparison.

Coelho sees some parallels between the tribes of India and those of western South Dakota.

The extended family plays an inte-

gral role in tribal culture, he said, but it can sometimes be a double-edged sword. When the family can always be counted on to be there, security can also hinder motivation and prevent achievement, he said.

"One of the greatest strengths of the Native American culture is the family and how central it is to their lives," Coelho said. "And one of the greatest weaknesses of the Native American culture is — the family."

Tribes throughout the world have traits of conformity and collaboration, but Coelho said a legitimate desire to blend in and be part of the larger community can sometimes overshadow individual achievement and academic excellence.

American Indian students in the United States have the highest high school dropout rate of any minority group.

"The drive to study in India is strong," he said. "Here, I think sometimes the resistance to white culture can, unfortunately, take the form of social opposition to education."

Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye Oskate schedule

PINE RIDGE — The Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye schedule for the rest of the school year is as follows:
Dec. 3 at Batesland and Rockyford
Jan. 7 at Pine Ridge
February Wacipi will be at Crazy Horse School
March 4 at Red Cloud and OLL at Red Cloud
April 8 at Little Wound School
May 6 at Wolf Creek and Red Shirt

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Kyle	Lakota Fund	Thursday, 10am - 3pm
Wanblee	Crazy Horse School	Alternating Fridays, 10am - 1pm
Oglala	Loneman School	Alternating Wednesdays, 10am - 3pm

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Have some turkey and a *little* stuffing.
If you must have gravy, don't pour it on, use a tablespoon and take only one or two scoops.
Go for the sweet potatoes (without marshmallows and brown sugar) and cranberries.
Make "skinny" mashed potatoes with a little chicken broth instead of salt and butter.
Make sure you enjoy plenty of steamed carrots and green beans, skip the corn.
Try light whipped topping with desserts made with Splenda instead of sugar.
Take a short, brisk walk after dinner.

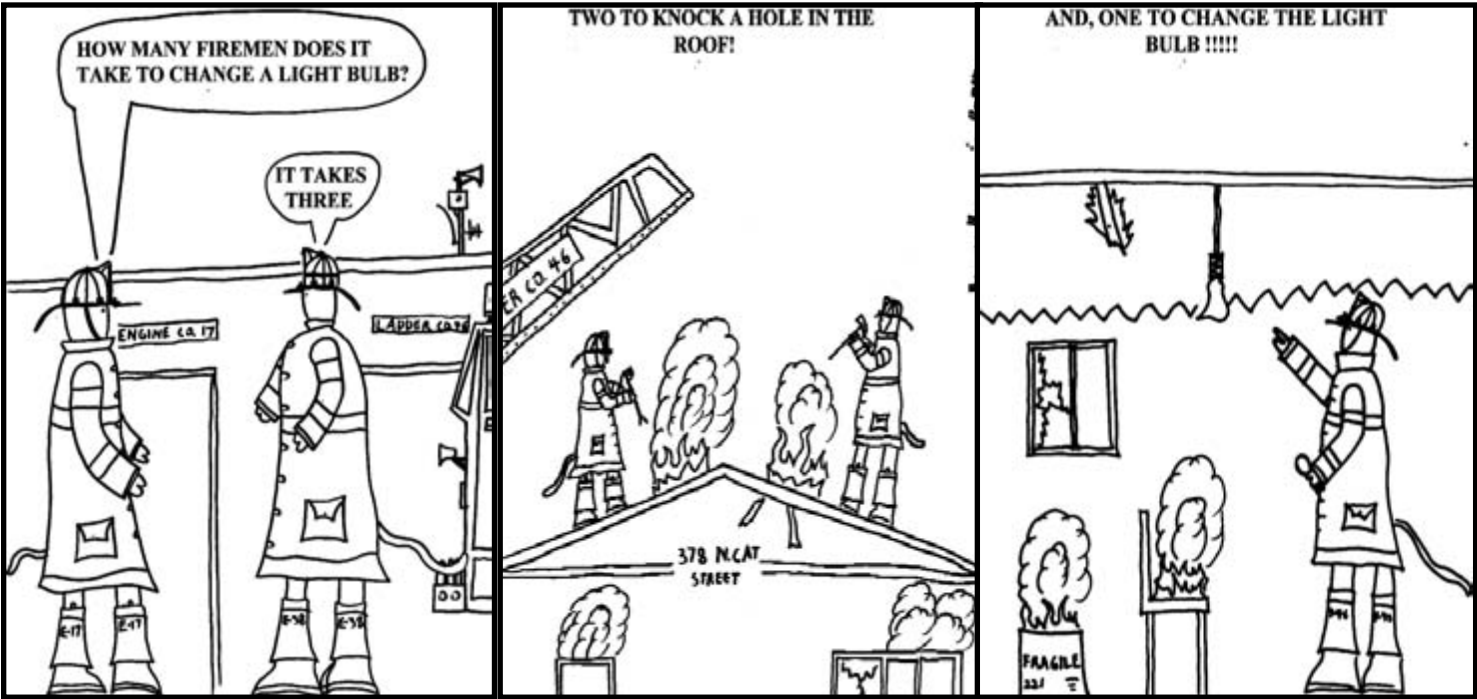
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I am poor and naked, but I am the chief of the nation. We do not want riches but we do want to train our children right. Riches would do us no good. We could not take them with us to the other world. We do not want riches. We want peace and love.
Red Cloud, Oglala Lakota

How smooth must be the language of the whites, when they can make right look like wrong, and wrong like right."
Black Hawk, Suak

The Rez Firefighter (Peta Usniyapi)

By Beaux Beauvais

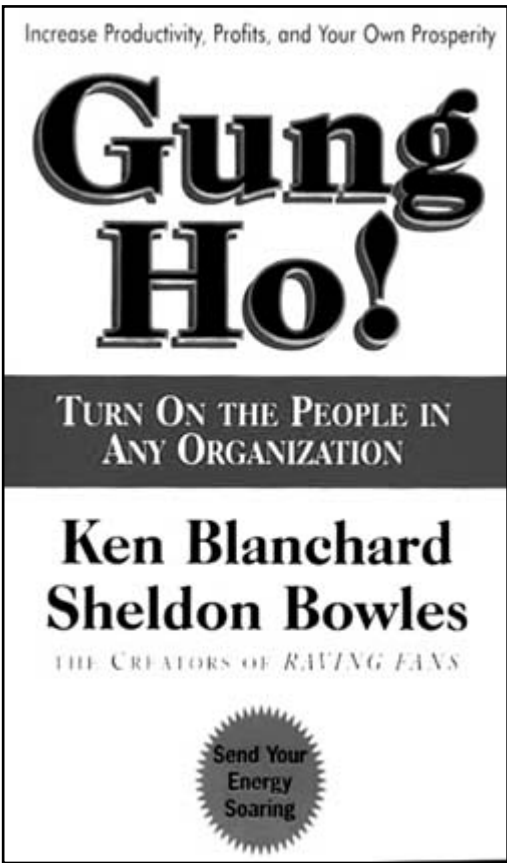


Gung Ho by Ken Blanchard features Native American

By A.J. LaVine
Book Review

I picked up a book in the airport the other day. I had just come from a conference about leadership and management and by the title figured this would be a great book. The title of it is "GUNG HO" by Ken Blanchard. Sounded like it would be some amazing DEO guru from Japan that could share incites on how an ancient Japanese custom helped to turn around his company and keep people engaged. Little to my surprise, it was about an Indian guy. Andy Long Claw works in a factory. He gets a new

boss Peggy. The story develops in a very short while and is an easy read as well as an inspiration to management and entry level employees as well. It equates management principals with things learned from Andy's grandfather. I found the book to be useful not only at work but with my family as well. The principles taught could be used with children at home, in school or in any organization or club to help keep people involved and turned on. I highly recommend "GUNG HO" for any friends who are reading this review.



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Chicken Recipes Specials

With most of these recipes you could substitute turkey. Chicken is lower in fat than beef. If you take off the skin and trim the fat, it can lower the fat content even more.

Chicken and Wild Rice Casserole

- One 6- ounce package long-grain and wild rice, cooked according to directions
- 4 cups diced cooked chicken breast
- Two 10 #/4 ounce cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup Mayonnaise
- 2 tsp curry powder (optional)
- One 8 ounce package Pepperidge Farm Cornbread Dressing Mix
- ¼ cup butter
- salt and pepper to taste

Put the rice in a greased 2-quart casserole. Layer the chicken on top of the rice. Mix the soup, mayonnaise, and curry powder, and pour this over the chicken. Sprinkle the dressing mix over the casserole and dot with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly.

Country Chicken Bake

I have used this recipe for company often. It's good!

- 1-Cup uncooked rice
- 1 cup celery chopped fine
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ½ tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 2Tablespoons Parsley
- 103/4 oz can of Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ¾ cup Mayonnaise
- 1 ¼ cup water
- 3 chicken breasts or other chicken to make equivalent

Sprinkle rice evenly in greased 9x13 baking dish. Cover the rice with onion, and celery. In mixing bowl combine soup, mayonnaise, salt and pepper, gradually add water to the soup. Pour ½ of the soup mix over vegetables. Lay chicken on top of this and then pour remaining soup mix over the chicken. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Sprinkle with paprika if desired to garnish. Serves 6

Chicken and Green Bean Casserole

- 1 chicken, cooked, boned, and cut up
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup Onion, chopped
- 1 can green beans
- ½ package egg noodles (I use frozen but any will work)
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup saltine crackers (crumbled)

Cook noodles in Chicken juice while chicken cools. Mix all ingredients and season. Put enough noodle juice in to moisten. Cover with cracker crumbs. Dot with butter. Cook at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Old Southern Smothered Chicken

- 2 chickens, quartered
- 1 ¼ cup flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup celery salt
- ¼ pound butter
- ½ cup bacon fat
- 1 clove garlic, optional
- 2 cups cream

Prepare chicken by washing and drying well. Flour pieces in flour, salt, pepper and celery salt. Brown lightly in butter and bacon fat. Add garlic clove, if desired. Place in baking pan. Pour butter and fat over chicken. Add cream. Bake 60 minutes at 325 degrees.

Chicken Enchilada Casserole

- 1 chicken boned, cooked and cubed into bite size pieces (reserve chicken broth)
- 2 cups grated Cheese
- Dip 8-10 tortillas
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can tomatoes and peppers (Ro-Tel)

Layer chicken and cheese in large casserole dish. Dip 8-10 tortillas in simmering chicken broth and add to layering. Pour ½ cup chicken brother over all to moisten. Mix soup and sour cream. Spread over layered mixture. Pour tomatoes and peppers over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.

Chicken with Mushrooms

- 1 chicken, washed and cut up, salted and peppered
- 1 envelope Liptons onion soup mix
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 soup cans water
- 1 ½ cups rice

Put enough grease to cover bottom of electric skillet or a deep dish casserole with cover. Add the onion soup mix, can of soup and water, rice and chicken. Cook at 350 degrees about an hour, until rice is done and chicken is tender. DO NOT STIR! Add small amount of water if necessary.

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School of Mines seeking more American Indian students

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines has created a committee with a goal of getting more American Indian students at the engineering school.

The Multicultural Committee plans to target the Rapid City Indian community, students in public and reservation schools, and Indian students who already are part of outreach programs, officials said Thursday.

The group hopes the effort will create new opportunities for Indian students, said committee member Jacquelyn Bolman.

Seventy-five Indian students are enrolled at the School of Mines, according to officials. In May, nine Indian students received degrees from Tech.

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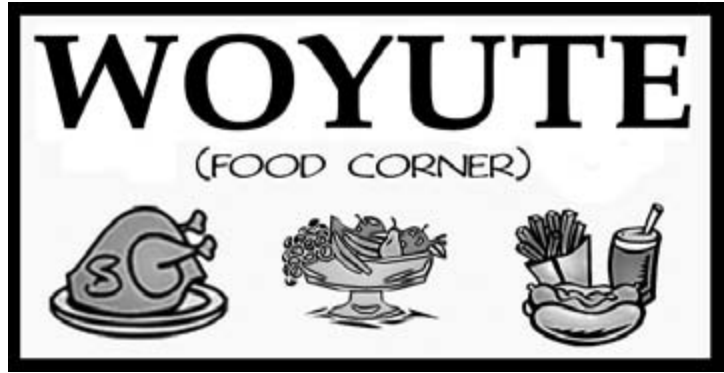
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Hamburger Supper

Sliced Cooked Potatoes
1 Sliced Onion
½ Can of Water
2 lbs. Hamburger
1 Can of Pork and Beans

Slice cooked potatoes in a 9x13 inch pan. Cooke ham- burger and sliced onions, drain and spread over pota- toes. Add beans and water. Bake at 350 degrees until warmed through.

Low Calorie Hot Dish

1 small head of cabbage
1 small onion, sliced
1 can tomato soup
1lb. of hamburger
¼ cup uncooked rice
1 can water

Cut cabbage into 1 inch wedges and place in casse- role dish. Brown hamburg-

er and onion, add to dish. Add rice and place on top of cabbage. Mix tomato soup and water, pour all over. Bake 1 ½ hours at 350 degrees.

Beef Stroganoff Casserole

1 lb hamburger
½ cups chopped onion
½ tsp. Salt
¼ tsp pepper
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 pkg noodles
1 cup sour cream

Brown hamburger, garlic, onion, salt and pepper. Add mushroom soup and simmer 5 minutes. Add cream of celery soup and one can of water and sim- mer 10 minutes. Cook the noodles. Just before serv- ing, add sour cream to meat mixture, pour of noodles and serve.

Upside Down Apple Pie

8 apples, peeled and diced
1 cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon (divid- ed)
¼ tsp. salt
1 sup flour
½ cup sugar
½ cup shortening

Place apples in a 9x13 inch pan. Sprinkle with 1 cup sugar and ¼ tsp. cinnamon. Combine remaining ingredi- ents and crumble over apples so all are covered. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Top with whipped cream when ready to serve.

Apple Crumb Pie

1 pie crust (can be store bought)
4 large apples
1 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1/3 cup butter
¾ cup flour

Place pie crust in 9 in pie plate. Cut up apples and mix with cinnamon and ½ cup sugar. Mix together flour and other half cup sugar. Cut butter into flour and sugar mixture; add apples to pie shell and top with flour/sugar/butter mixture. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes; then lower the temperature to 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Cranberry-Orange Relish

This recipe refrigerates well and is great on turkey sand- wiches the day after Thanks- giving or served over ice cream.

1 package raw cranberries
1 orange
2 apples
sugar

Grind all ingredients in a food processor or hand grinder. Add sugar cup for cup of relish (should equal about 3 cups). Refrigerate until ready to use.

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3 cups peeled and sliced apples
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp ground nutmeg
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½ cup milk
1 Tbsp butter or margarine
2 eggs
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Heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Stir remaining ingredients except Streusel until blended. Pour

into pie plate. Sprinkle with Streusel. Bake 40 to 45 min- utes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes before serving. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pie.

Streusel

½ cup Original Bisquick mix
½ cup chopped nuts
¼ cup brown sugar
2 Tbsp butter or margarine (firm)

Sir together all ingredients until crumbly.

Mandarin Orange Cake

1 box butter cake mix

½ cup oil
3 eggs
1 can mandarin orange slices with the juice

Filling
1 md. Cool Whip
1 lg. pkg. vanilla instant pudding mix
1 lg. can crushed pineapple with the juice

Mix together cake mix, oil, eggs and mandarin oranges and juice. Fill 3 round layer pans or one 11 x 14 cake pan. Bake 375 degrees for 25 min- utes.

Filling: Mix vanilla with pineapple and juice. Fold in Cool Whip and spread between layers, top and sides of cake. Make ahead of time for thanksgiving or other spe- cial occasions and keep refrigerated.

Diabetes awareness road race and walk Nov. 27

ROSEBUD — The Diabetes Prevention Program will sponsor a Diabetes Awareness Road Race and Walk, on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004.

Registration will begin at the RST tribal council chambers in Rosebud at 9 a.m. The run/race and walk will commence at 10 a.m.

The run will be three miles long and the walk will be one mile. T-shirts will be awarded to all finishing partic- ipants.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in both the male and female division.

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The city of Martin: Does it lie within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation?

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

MARTIN — Controversy arose during the wake of the recent Oglala Sioux Tribal presidential election which brought up the issue of whether or not the city of Martin in Bennett County lies within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The OST election ordinance states, "Candidates for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Fifth Member shall physically reside within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for a period of one year immediately preceding the Primary Election."

While criminal court cases have supported that land held in trust in Bennett County fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal government, the controversy is about the reservation boundaries when it comes to tribal elections.

South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long said the difference between criminal jurisdiction and tribal election ordinances is like "the difference between apples and oranges."

He cited the 1975 case of Cook vs

Basketball season underway

Right: Mackenzie Casey, a South Dakota State University freshman, plays with the Jackrabbits who had their first win of the season against Mayville last Wednesday 87-51. Left: Laura Big Crow helped the Lady Tetons to a 91-45 win over Mayville State JV (Photos by Eric Ladwhehr, SDSU.) (See sports page B3)

Two weeks in the Lakota Times (Dec. 15-21, 2004) High School basketball preview special edition



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Indian Country urged to participate in Equal Justice Commission hearings

By Ruth Steinberger
Lakota Times Correspondent

PIERRE — Calling the Equal Justice Commission hearings that are being held throughout Indian Country in South Dakota the, "Most under reported story of the year", Jennifer Ring, Executive Director of ACLU of the Dakotas, explained that the hearings represent a unique opportunity for Indians to report circumstances that have been encountered when facing the South Dakota judicial system.

According to a recent press release, 'The South Dakota Equal Justice Commission will focus its attention on various functions of the South Dakota Judicial System as part of its overall identification of racial and ethnic disparities in the system.'

The eleven-member Commission, which was formed by the South Dakota Supreme Court to identify and, where possible, resolve unfair treatment of minorities, will conduct a series of hearings in December.

The December hearings are the second in a series of hearings planned throughout the state in the coming months.

In November, the Commission traveled to Sisseton, McLaughlin and Eagle Butte, South Dakota, to take testimony from the public.

After concluding its hearings, the Commission will develop and recommend various alternatives for ensuring equal justice in the state court system to the South Dakota Supreme Court. According to the SD Supreme Court Order that created the Commission, such measures may include guidelines, standards, procedures, judicial education, or proposed legislation.

Jennifer Ring explained, "The purpose of these hearings is actually a response to the original report of the US Civil Rights Commission, which was followed by the Bronstein study, which found disparities in the justice system in South Dakota. The South Dakota Supreme Court instituted this commission in response to that study."

Ring continued, "The commission is looking at all aspects of discrimination within the justice system. What they have power to address is how the courts, including both criminal and civil, resolve these issues."

Ring outlined some of circumstances that can be brought

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OST inauguration set for Dec. 11

Wocekiye na Woapiye Un Oyate Ki Iglu Wosakapi Kte
Through prayer and healing the people will become strengthened

KYLE — A historic Oglala Sioux tribal inauguration ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 11 at the Little Wound School in Kyle.

On Nov. 2, Cecelia Fire Thunder, was elected to serve as the first woman president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and will begin the monumental task of leading one of the largest Indian tribes in the nation.

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota requests the honor of your presence at this historical inauguration of Cecelia Fire Thunder, *Tawacin Wastewin*, 35th President and Alex White Plume, *Inyan Hoksi*, Vice President.

Also being inaugurated into office will be members of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council.

The historic event will be preceded by the symbolic *I-glasupi* Ride

where horseback riders will come into Kyle from four directions.

"*Hau Kola, Iyuskinyan nape ciyuze lo! Oglala Oyate ki winyan wan itacan glahniga pe lo ho na anpetu wan el wana ehkignaka pi hel icunhan mitakuye na mita kola eyah wahu topa ankanyanka hel ah u kte lo. Anpetu ki hel ya un wacin yelo ho na le yuonihan cico welo. Wapaha na wayukeza, na wahu topa ankanyanka pi gluhah iwo.*" Alex White Plume

(Very happily I shake your hand! The people of the Oglala Nation have elected a woman for their president and on the day that she will be seated, some relatives and friends will be coming to the event on horseback. On this day, I wish to see your presence at the event and very respectfully I am asking you to come. Bring your war bonnet and staff, and your horse.)

The riders are to meet at 11 a.m. in front of Little Wound School to plan their strate-

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Solid waste transfer sites set up in districts



By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — A new solid waste transfer site has been opened near Kyle, allowing the old unsightly dump site near town to be shut down and cleaned up.

Bobby Sullivan, Field Tech for the Environmental Protection Agency said that transfer sites are now open in all the districts that allow drive up convenience for residents of the reservation to dispose of their solid

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Reservation boundaries *from page A1*

Parkinson in which an individual named Cook committed a burglary on main street in the city of Martin.

“He brought a lawsuit that stated the piece of ground that he burglarized was Indian country and he should have been prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s office. The federal courts in that case decided that only the allotted portions of land were Indian Country and deeded portions were not,” Long said.

The man, a California Indian, was sent to the South Dakota state prison, but the case set a criminal precedent for major crimes committed by tribal members on trust land in Bennett County.

Long said that while working with the election board of Rosebud Sioux Tribe he came to understand that elections, “were altogether different. I think that the tribes have great latitude in making up their own rules.”

“In Rosebud, the constitution defines the boundaries. For example all tribal members were allowed to vote no matter where they lived, but they had to come home to vote. If you are home on Election Day you are allowed to vote,” he said.

According to the 2003 U.S. Census, more than 1,800 Indians live in Bennett County, many who vote in OST elections. Of those residents, some live on trust land and the rest on deeded land. Lacreek District has two tribal representatives to tribal council and three past tribal presidents lived in Bennett County.

According to Harvey White Woman, former Assistant to the Fifth Member, the Oglala Sioux Tribe has always maintained

that the Act of March 2, 1889, set the boundaries for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Article I of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation clearly defines the territory of the tribe, “The jurisdiction of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Indians shall extend to the territory within the original confines of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation boundaries as defined by the Act of March 2, 1889 (25 Stat. L. 8880), and to such other lands as may be hereafter added thereto under any law of the United States except as may be other-wise provided by law for unrestricted lands.”

However, officials from the Red Cloud Law Firm in Pine Ridge would like to continue to challenge what they say are election related irregularities.

“Part of the problem is the powers that be wish to continue the status quo. The bottom line is progress gets shut down and it creates a system that creates anger and hopelessness. We have made several pleas to the feds and they refuse to get involved, yet they will send a Marshall to get involved when a person has three traffic tickets,” said Jim Durham.

Russell Means who challenged Cecelia Fire Thunder for the office of the OST presidency said, “Quite a number of people have filed complaints with the election board. There have been too many irregularities in too many different districts. They are hoping that it will just go away.”

Means said he plans to file a temporary restraining order to delay the inaugura-

tion, “I asked that they have a new election, a new primary. We are going to force this reservation to live up to their own laws. No more of this lackadaisical attitude.”

He cited a June 17, 1997 secretarial election that abolished the voting districts and said the election board has refused to conform to what the people want, “We don’t have a one man one vote system; no one has taken a census to ensure one man one vote. We are suing the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a breach of trust responsibility.”

Former OST President Newton Cummings who lives on trust land in Bennett County said if Means continues with his suit, “All they are going to do is diminish the boundaries of the reservation. A lot of people live in Martin. If he happens to win this, there will be a lot of enrolled members who will not be able to vote. I think it’s going to be a disadvantage.”

As to whether or not Bennett County lies with the boundaries he said, “Joe American Horse brought up that issue when I ran, but I was on trust land. The way I look at it is Bennett County is within the boundaries. In 1989, Harold Dean Salway, past president lived in Martin and nothing was ever said.”

While the issue of the presidency is a valid and important issue, of greater importance would be the issue of alcohol sales. Another comment given was if Bennett County is within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation then OST laws banning alcohol sales should be enforced there.

OST Inauguration *from page A1*

gic entry for the historic event.

“Well, what I wanted to do is go about a mile north of Kyle. We want to acknowledge the Si Tanka Wokiksuye and sing four songs that we made for the Big Foot Memorial ride. We also wanted to do something symbolic of our horsemanship that reinforces our culture. I want to ride in with all the ex vice presidents. Arvol Looking Horse will also be there for the Wokiksuye to show solidarity,” White Plume said.

Past presidents of the Oglala Sioux Tribe

1934-1936	.....	Robert Bad Wound
1936-1938	.....	Frank Wilson
1938-1940	.....	Frank Wilson
1940-1942	.....	Henry Jumping Eagle
1942-1944	.....	William Fire Thunder
1944-1946	.....	William Fire Thunder
1946-1948	.....	James Roan Eagle
1948-1950	.....	Harry Conroy
1950-1952	.....	Chester Red Kettle
1952-1954	.....	Charles Under Baggage
1954-1956	.....	Moses Two Bulls
1956-1958	.....	Frank G. Wilson
1958-1960	.....	James Iron Cloud
1960-1962	.....	Johnson Holy Rock
1962-1964	..	William Whirlwind Horse
1964-1966	.....	Enos Poor Bear
1966-1968	.....	Johnson Holy Rock
1968-1970	.....	Enos Poor Bear
1970-1972	.....	Gerald One Feather
1972-1974	.....	Richard Dick Wilson
1974-1976	.....	Richard Dick Wilson
1976-1978	.....	Albert W. Trimble
1978-1980	.....	Elijah Whirlwind Horse
1980-1982	.....	Stanley Looking Elk
1982-1984	.....	Joe American Horse

1984-1986	.....	Newton Cummings
1986-1988	.....	Joe American Horse
1988-1990	.....	Paul Iron Cloud
1990-1992	.....	Harold D. Salway
1992-1994	.....	John Steele
1994-1996	.....	Wilber Between Lodges
1996-1998	.....	John Steele
1998-2000	.....	Harold D. Salway
2000-2002	.....	John Steele
2002-2004	.....	John Steele
2004-2006	Cecelia Fire Thunder

Oglala Lakota Nation Tribal Council Members:

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Wounded Knee District Kathy Janis and Garfield Steele
Eagle Nest District, Thomas Poor Bear and Ruth Brown
LaCreek District, Craig Dillon and Mary “Moose” Poor Thunder
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Porcupine District, Phillip Good Crow and Bernard White Face
Pine Ridge District, Lyle Jack, Ella “John” Carlow and Will Peters
White Clay District, Paul Little and Valerie Kills Small-Janis

For further information, please contact Vonnice Bush at 605-455-6174 or 605-441-3516. The Four Direction Ride to begin at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on the ride contact: Alex White Plume at 605-455-1142 or 605-441-8192, Birgil Kills Straight at 605-455-2367 or 605-441-8730 or Francis “Chubbs” Thunder Hawk at 308-862-0097.

Equal Justice Commission *from page A1*

before the commission. She said, “For instance if you are an Indian who has appeared before an all white jury in an Indian area, that is something that this commission needs to know about. Anybody who feels that a local prosecutor is out to get Indians, the commission needs to hear it. Anybody who has not been given notice of hearings when their child was being removed from them, this commission needs to hear it. If a prosecutor within a certain court is believed to target Indians, this commission needs to hear it. If someone thinks they need language interpreters, this needs to be said here. It is impossible to know what numbers of elders go into the courts and need translation services, but if there is a need for these services that is not being met, it needs to be told to this commission” Ring continued, “If the Supreme Court follows the recommendations of this commission they can directly control the conduct of judges throughout the state. In fact, one of the things that has been mentioned at one of the

hearings has been creating a rule of conduct for prosecutors that would make it unethical for

them to state or imply to a jury that an Indian witness or defendant was lying because they failed to look directly into the juries eyes.”

Ring said that while the commission cannot directly control the conduct of police officers, they can indirectly control conduct through the recommendations to judges. She said, “If a judge sees what appear to be traffic violations that are the result of racial profiling, the judge can refuse to require people to pay the ticket if they come to court. One of the things that the judicial system has already done is that they now require official training in ICWA, which would seem to correspond to the time in which paperwork came across my desk in which a judge had actually told social service agencies that they had not met the requirements of ICWA.” Ring continued, “Civil actions and criminal actions, from the small to the large, should be brought before this commission.”

The direct control by the commission would be over the clerks of the court, judges, etc., however Ring noted, “The indirect control of the courts is overwhelming and this commission is created by the highest court in South Dakota. It may not happen fast, but it is potentially a major way of altering the justice system in South Dakota and unfortunately it has been drastically underreported.”

Ring concluded, “These listening sessions across the state are a very important way in which people can get the problems heard and the commissioners need to hear from people.”

December hearings: Dec. 6 in Mission at the Multi-Purpose Building of Sinte Gleska from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 7 at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 8 at the Mother Butler Center in Rapid City from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Solid waste

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waste.

The new transfer site for the Kyle area is located just east of the five mile junction on BIA Route 2.

"It is still undergoing some improvement. Justin Pourier has found the gravel so that road will be graveled, but the important thing was — getting it opened," Sullivan said.

The sites consist of cement drive-up platforms where one can park and throw away garbage in dumpsters that are located below the platform. Previously, residents had to throw garbage up into the dumpsters, a difficult task which leads to people leaving garbage on the ground surrounding the site.

Although Solid Waste comes in and hauls the dumpsters to a landfill located near Red Shirt Table, she said each district is responsible for upkeep of their transfer site.

"People need to take an interest. A lot of people believe the transfer sites belong to Solid Waste. The actual site itself belongs to the district and each district is responsible for its own site and needs to lend a hand," she said.

She emphasized the importance of communicating to district council representatives solid waste concerns, "We try to get the word out to the representatives to talk to your district council. Tell us what we aren't doing right and let's do something about it."

Each district hires an individual that tends the transfer site and their salary is paid by Solid Waste Management.

"If you go to Manderson and Allen, you can tell these men care about their sites, there is no garbage lying around. It's just a matter it tak-



The new convenient drive-up transfer site for the Kyle area is located east of the 5-mile junction off BIA Route 2. (Photo by Ernestine Chasing Hawk)

ing an interest," Sullivan said.

Ideally she said it would be convenient if the reservation had one solid waste company that handled all of the reservation waste management needs, but that it would require funding that is currently unavailable. Presently solid waste from OST housing clusters is picked up by housing or distict personnel but said individuals seeking economic opportunities could open a business, "It would probably be one of the best economic opportunities a company

could have."

She also emphasized the importance each individual has in caring for the upkeep of the reservation, "Different people noticed that after the tornado hit Oglala, it was the cleanest place on the reservation. How many religious groups and outside people come in to pick up our garbage and repair our houses? Why are we letting outside groups care for our own personal responsibilities?"

Todd County's McDaniel named 11A All State

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

MISSION — Dennis McDaniel, a 5'10", 210 pound senior center/guard for Todd County High School, was named to the first team 11A All State on Monday, Nov. 29.

"Dennis was our team captain, played both offense and defense, was our long snapper on punts, pat's and field goals and was our second leading tackler with 76 tackles this year and eight sacks," said Todd County head football coach Bob Kornely. "McDaniel was also named to the academic all state team and selected to the South All Stars football team for the all star game during the coaches annual conference at the end of July in Aberdeen," he said.

Todd County earned the number two seed in the region and hosted Vermillion in the first round of the South Dakota football playoffs. Charlie Her Many Horses, Jeff Sharp Fish and Martin White Hat earned academic all state honors also.

Brad Folkers earned an honorable mention nod for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader Elite 45 football team. Both Folkers and McDaniel plan to go on to play college football next year.

Todd County's John McDaniel (Dennis' older brother), Jon Young, Andrew Schmaltz and Carl Hunger all played football for Dakota Wesleyan this year.



Dennis McDaniel

BRIEFS

Pancake Breakfast and Diabetes Educational Event

ST. FRANCIS — All St. Francis community members are invited to attend a "How Sweet it is..." breakfast, lunch and health education event on Wednesday, Dec. 8, beginning at 8 a.m.

All interested community members can meet at Diggman Hall in St. Francis at 8 a.m.

The days events will include a health assessment, a pancake breakfast, nutrition presentations, a cooking demonstration on

making papa, videos, blood sugar testing and then a healthy lunch. Following lunch there will be physical activities, a talking circle and door prizes. Events are expected to conclude about 2 to 3 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Diabetes Prevention Program, Sinte Gleska University Nursing Program, IHS Diabetes Program and the RST Community Health Representatives.

For more information contact Connie Brushbreaker at Diabetes Prevention at 747-4600, Burdette Clifford at SGU at 856-8100 ext. 8550, or contact your local RST community health representative.

RST Diabetes prevention center closed Dec. 7-9

ROSEBUD -- The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Diabetes Prevention Program Fitness Center will close at 4 p.m. on December 7 through December 9 for the Youth Wellness Clinic. We encourage those adults who utilize the facility after 4 p.m. to try to schedule their exercise session earlier in the day from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on those days. Call 747-4600 to reserve a time.



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HOLIDAY STRESS: The gift that keeps on giving

It's almost here: Christmas trees, lights, gifts, family gatherings, cookie baking, extra rich foods, cards, decorating, shopping, shopping, and shopping. Add to this mix a little bad weather, a calendar of more events than you can attend and not enough money to create the "perfect Christmas dream" and you have a combination of stimuli that extracts joy rather than creates it.

Competition among the relatives, each one wanting to show their true love through the biggest gift for mom or dad or grandpa or grandma or the kids. Each child is hyped through television, school, their parents and each other to expect that somehow all of their dreams will come true this Christmas. Santa is everywhere.

You know all of the lectures, the self help, the suggestions and auto-suggestions to remember the truth of the season. To give joy and respect, not gifts. That doesn't help you. It's totally your expectation that creates this hypertensive ness. We all want everyone to have a wonderful season. We all want to give the biggest and largest, to give everyone we love whatever their hearts desire may be. We want the perfect season. We want our sisters to get along with our brothers-in law, and mom not to eat too much sugar. We want relatives and friends that can't stand each other to be in the same room and find the generosity of spirit to achieve, if not love, then some sort of amnesty. We don't want anybody to drink too much or any. In effect, we want control. We want to give everybody everything to create a better world. We want world peace and because it is Christmas, we want it now. We want more money, and somehow all of these wants are not,

we justify, for ourselves, but for others. That makes us generous.

Most of us are not managing our dollars with any sort of practicality. Most of us are over-spending, knowing that the bills we don't pay will still be there after the holiday season, and that we won't get shot or put in debtors' prison for our generous spirit. We will over-eat, over cook, over spend and over stress because of all of it.

Schedules of money, time, food preparation, visits and shopping sprees do not diminish the stress. People tell you to schedule and plan. Scheduling and planning do not help, instead it creates "unseen" pressure, kind of like that car in your rear view mirror that is bearing down on your bumper - you know you are going fast enough, but maybe you should speed up just to try and make him happy.

Let's face reality. Our incomes and time do not increase because it is Christmas. Our expectations to create something that is intangible with the tangible will never satisfy our desire for a perfect season. It is intangible. We can only do what we can do. We have to let it go, we have to comply with our own energy demands. We have to release others expectations of us as super-beings. We have to be okay with our limitations. We just have to trust that to express love of each other, to give a prayer for the fulfillment of other's dreams and to accept joy as being internal is the best we can do. That is within our control - as for the rest of it, if you over-spend, over-eat, over-schedule and over-work then accept it as part of your own expression. Don't stress, just be fine with your "overing," that's okay too.



Remember a warrior brother

My brother, "Cookie," fought in the jungles of Vietnam.

From the little he told us, we knew it was bad. He told me only a little of the war. What he did tell me concerned the everyday things, such as not being able to dry clothes. The soldiers tried to dry the clothes by smoking them, my brother said.

He hated the rations and food, but mostly he hated the constant fear he and his fellow soldiers faced each day and every night.

My brother started home from the war with wounds in his leg, but they needed men so badly that they turned the hospital ship around and returned those men who could "make it" back to the war.

When he finally came home, he was placed in a military camp far away from home and the reservation. Two weeks before his final discharge, he walked away from the camp. The family couldn't figure out why.

After all, he had left with only a few more days of easy military service remaining before he would be free. We heard from him now and then as he crisscrossed the country, staying where he could and living from hand to mouth. The military categorized him a deserter even though he had completed a tour in Vietnam and was close to an honorable discharge.

Every so often back then, an FBI man - always a man - would show up at my office. The first time he came through the door, I knew something big was up. He asked if I was Dorreen Lone Fight, my married name. I stood up and said yes, and he flipped out an FBI identification badge. He wanted to know if I'd heard from Glen

Guest Editorial

By Doreen Yellow Bird

Yellow Bird.

I had, of course; he called now and then, but I didn't know where he was. I was young then, and smartly told the agent that I wouldn't tell him if I knew, because he was my brother.

He seemed understanding, and after a few years - he came to my office regularly - I knew him, or at least I could recognize the men with the FBI look and demeanor.

One day, my brother came home and turned himself in. My mother wanted him to stop running so she could see him.

He needed to be healed and it wasn't the white doctors who could do that for Glen. His spirit was injured and he needed Indian doctoring.

Well, he eventually got straight with the military, married and lived at home for a while. Several years later, cancer found him. It took him to the spirit world - something the guns and bullets of the war couldn't do.

My brother-in-law came back from Vietnam with his spirit wounded, too. He couldn't sleep without waking and diving for cover. That awful war visited him night after night. The family took him to a spiritual man, who healed his soul.

He, too, died several years later.

I have never fought in wars and stayed away from reading about them. When I was younger and my brother was alive, I asked him about the war in Vietnam - what was it like to kill someone or to be shot at. He didn't

answer me and angrily told me not to ask about it again.

Last year, I read my first book about Vietnam: "Of Uncommon Birth," by Mark St. Pierre. The book is a work of creative nonfiction inspired by the true story of two South Dakota teenagers, one of them the Lakota, Frank Jealous of Him.

I hated that I had to read the book for a review. But after I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. It was a terrible war, and reading about it was made worse for me because I thought of my brother, brother-in-law and so many Native people I knew who fought in Vietnam or died in that war.

When I read about the terror and the killing some 20 years after the war my brother fought, I began to understand why my brother had that look of man who saw the dead and spirits from the world.

Currently, we are at war in the Middle East. Native people are on the line - Lori Piestewa, the first woman to die in the Middle East, and Sheldon Hawk Eagle, who lived in Grand Forks, died there.

In percentage terms, Native Americans have the highest number in this war. We are people who are warriors, so fighting for Turtle Island is a brave and honorable way.

On this Veteran's Day celebration on the reservation, I will dance to the drums and with each step I will remember my brothers - all of them - but particularly my brother who fought in a futile war he didn't understand. I will remember he went bravely because he was a warrior.

Nawah, Glen.

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Letters to the Editor

Input urged for comprehensive plan for Fort Laramie historic site

Dear Editor:

The following letter was sent to the Oglala Sioux President John Yellow Bird Steele.

Dear Mr. Yellow Bird Steele:

The National Park Service is preparing to develop a Comprehensive Interpretive Plan for Fort Laramie National Historic Site. The plan will describe what the interpretive program intends to accomplish over the next decade and serve as a long-range blueprint for interpretation at the park

This plan cannot be accomplished solely by park staff. It requires the involvement of our neighbors, supporters, partners, and friends who know and use the park. We are inviting local agencies, organizations, and individuals to participate in a workshop that will lay the foundation for this plan. We will be discussing the significance of the park's resources, how best to communicate that significance to the public, and what visitors expect of the interpretive program.

We invite you to join us as a workshop participant to help lay the groundwork for developing this plan. The workshop is sched-

uled for Dec. 7 and 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meetings will take place at Eastern Wyoming College in the Community Education Building at 3200 West C in Torrington. Please contact Chief of Visitor Services and Resource Management Tammy Benson at (307) 837-2221 or tammy_benson@nps.gov prior to Dec. 1 to confirm your participation or to ask any questions. If you cannot attend, you may designate another person to attend in your place.

We realize that you are busy and that this workshop will require a commitment of time on your part. Your participation is critical to making this planning process meaningful. We are confident that you will enjoy the satisfaction of being part of the team that develops the plan that will guide the interpretive program at Fort Laramie for years to come. We hope you will agree to join us so that, together, we might better serve the public and provide improved interpretive services.

George Helfrich
Superintendent
National Park Service
Ft. Laramie, Wyo.

Sad for Daschle's departure

Dear Editor:

After watching Sen. Tom Daschle's farewell speech, I was saddened to see him leave the senate. Two things that lost him his senate seat was the Republican lies and his stand for the minority people of South Dakota.

I figured the Republicans would come out for this election and I figured right. I am anxious to hear the Republicans excuses four years from now because they don't have

Daschle and the Democrats to blame now.

My only hope is that Bush don't run this country into the ground. I can't respect someone who did not want to go fight in Vietnam but now he has us over in Iraq.

Look at the bright side though and that's at least we don't have Janklow and Thune in there together or else we'd have to fight another Little Big Horn.

Joshua Logg Jr.
Mobridge, S.D.

My best Christmas gift ever - recovery

On Dec. 24, 1977, I had my last drink. It was a margarita in Lincoln, Neb. in a bar frequented by college kids and cowboys. Weeks before this I had a yelling match with my sister and was horribly upset. I called the new Episcopal minister in town because I was so distressed. After talking to him for an hour or so, he talked to me about alcoholism and how to recover. That very night, I decided to go to treatment.

I rarely missed church but.... I did show up for Sunday morning church services every week still drunk from the night before or badly hungover. I didn't drink everyday. I was a Friday and Saturday night drinker. I hadn't been in jail for drinking. I lost one job because I came to work with a hangover. I said and did things when I was drinking that I was ashamed and embarrassed about the next day. Drinking was my only social activity and almost all of my friends were abusive drinkers too. I risked my life and others lives frequently when I drove after I had been

Guest Column

By Connie Pich

partying.

I wouldn't have labeled myself as an alcoholic because I didn't know that my drinking was abnormal. Who would have guessed that drinking enough to be drunk was alcohol abuse. Not me. I didn't know that when I drank more than was appropriate or more than I had planned, that it was alcoholism. Loss of control is the hallmark of this disease. Nor did I know that drinking was masking my emotional pain. I just didn't know.

The one thing I did know was that I was living in an ocean of despair and loneliness. It didn't matter how many people loved me, I couldn't feel their love. I hated myself and felt like a failure. I didn't know that this is exactly what alcoholism feels like emotionally. When I was drinking, the decisions I made kept the pain going. I had to find a new way to live.

I came to a place of surrender. I went to treatment and was willing to follow their instructions for sobriety. It worked. I got the support to stay sober and used the tools that were available to me.

The pain didn't go away over night but I did start to heal. I found a new happiness. I found peace of mind. I found a connection with the Great Creator.

A miracle happened that Christmas Eve. My family, over the next several years, followed me into sobriety. The legacy of alcoholism was ending for me and my family.

I don't know what you were planning to give your family for Christmas this year but the gift they will remember FOREVER may be your recovery. If you think you or a family member may be suffering from an addiction of any kind (alcohol or drug addiction, gambling addiction, etc.), get help for yourself - right now. Make this the Christmas a Christmas to remember for generations. Give the priceless gift of recovery.

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South Dakotans cannot say “Indian” without adding “dirty” to it

There is a joke around Lakota country that speaks of a young man from the Pine Ridge Reservation traveling to Rapid City to do some Christmas shopping. When he returns home he sits quietly at the kitchen table drinking a hot cup of *wakalopi* (coffee).

His mother notices that he is in deep thought and asks, "What is bothering you, my son?" He replies, "I think God is Lakota." His mother says, "He may well be, but what made you think about this?"

The son replies, "I walked into a restaurant in Rapid City crowded with *wasicu* (white people) and they all looked at me and said, "Oh, my God!"

The joke puts a face on the very real problems of racial prejudice that are so prevalent in many South Dakota communities. It is hard for many South Dakotans to say the word "Indian" without placing the word "dirty" in front of it.

Much of the prejudice can be attributed to common misperceptions. The *wasicu* see the intoxicated Indians staggering in and around the Prairie Market located next

to the bridge and creek where they often congregate. They see these dredges of humanity that cause embarrassment amongst their own people. They are the ones who are most visible.

They don't see the Lakota woman who runs the museum or the Indian woman who is vice president of a local bank or the many other Lakota people working hard at their jobs, buying homes and trying to make a better life for their children.

They see the orange clad prisoner in handcuffs on the nightly news and the derelicts panhandling on the downtown streets. They read the court dockets in the newspapers with the myriad of Indian names as law breakers because many of the crimes committed on the Indian reservations are tried before all-white juries in communities such as Rapid City because that is where federal crimes are tried.

And if they run into an Indian on a dark street at night, they shy away with fear.

Indian people find themselves turned away from jobs and housing simply because

Notes from Indian Country



By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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of their race. In South Dakota Indians have learned to expect this kind of treatment, but they have never accepted it.

An educated Lakota woman named Lydia Whirlwind Soldier, a victim of the Indian mission boarding schools, and now an educator at the Todd County Schools on the Rosebud Reservation grew up with the double standards so common in this state. She has even experienced the dual standards amongst her own peers (educators) at the very school where she works.

Disgusted by a recent incident of racial prejudice, she wrote the following poem:

Caught
Caught in the state
of stagnation,
your normal thoughts
trapped in a web and
trickster story. I see
that hate upon your face,
feel the force of
hostile glances, open stares
like the hawk's talons
ready to strike
your life full of holes and
denial
has not found a way
through darkness and
shadow
to see me as a being.
You think we are passive,
simple
Or even magical or
mystical
But, I don't give a damn
I see clearly what is there
I sing those sacred songs,
the
wind shares those familiar
native feelings
Like the pines in Grass
Mountain
I am rooted to who I am
I laugh and cry, stay open
Through this storm
Spirit strong, strengthened
mind
beyond survival.

This sardonic poem was written last week. Whirlwind Soldier emailed it to me and I immediately emailed her back and asked if I could use it for this column. It rings so true.

It has been 14 years since the Governor George Mickelson (R-SD) took up my editorial challenge and proclaimed 1990 the Year of Reconciliation between Indians and whites. It was the 100th anniversary of the Massacre at Wounded Knee that prompted my editorial. The Lakota people were about to hold a "Wiping away the tears" ceremony at the mass grave at Wounded Knee in which forgiveness and reconciliation would be the prayer.

I didn't want this to be a one-sided request for peace and forgiveness and I challenged Gov. Mickelson to include the white people of South Dakota into the equation. After all, if the Lakota people extended their hand in peace and forgiveness, the white people, their traditional enemy, had to reach out and take that hand.

The untimely death of Gov. Mickelson assured that rec-

onciliation never happened. There has not been another white South Dakotan with the courage to step forward and renew the efforts of peace and reconciliation started by the Lakota people on December 29, 1990.

Since that day in 1990 six Indians have died violently on the banks of Rapid Creek with no suspect arrested and two Indian men have been shot to death by Rapid City police officers. Reconciliation has become a dirty word shunned by the white owned media in the state. Dozens of other acts of violence against Indians have gone practically unnoticed by the mainstream media.

Life goes on and columnists like me and poets like Lydia Whirlwind Soldier will continue to write about the prejudices so ingrained in South Dakota, but not as lonely observers, but as voices of the Lakota people who speak to us because we are their messengers.

(Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, was the instigator of the Year of Reconciliation in 1990. He can be reached at giagobooks@iw.net)

Using word study to increase Lakota language use

There is a Lakota word 'anaslate' that sounds like an English word and has a similar translation. The English word is 'onslaught' and it implies something that is about to occur or begin. It can also mean an assault, whereas in Lakota the word implies the stalking or pursuit of something and it may have a negative feel to it.

There are a number of words in Lakota that lend themselves to such word study and comparison. As an educator, I think it can be a challenge to students to draw parallels and similarities between languages. I have always been so impressed with the complexity and sophistication of the Lakota language. If you understand

Lakota at least, then it is fun to be able to make comparisons about the meaning and emotion that are contained in words. There is a word in Lakota that is probably spelled phonetically like a word in Navajo and they mean essentially the same thing. The Lakota word 'kuya' translates into English as 'down below' or 'down there' and in Navajo it translates into the same meaning.

Conducting such word study exercises can be a way to stimulate a young mind and perhaps, motivate one to have increased reading identification skills. One day years ago, I walked into our local library and I saw a big banner that read 'libraries' and immediately I saw two words.

Northern Perspectives



By Dr. Archie Beauvais

What do you think they were? To me, I saw 'libra' and 'aries' which are two astrological signs. It was not any earth shattering to see that, but then

I wondered what others things are evident in our lives that we look at, but do not see.

Just maybe, when young minds see Lakota terms and sentences, they are not seeing the accompanying images, emotions, and literal translations. One letter in Lakota brings to mind a certain thought or emotion by the manner in which it is voiced and the emphasis with which it is pronounced.

In reiterate my earlier point, then, having the privilege of learning and knowing the Lakota language has to be a cultural gift. As we establish goals and objectives in our learning institutions, we as administrators have to make an effort to learn the language ourselves so that we are aware

of what we are asking our young children to undertake. As we set levels of excellence, we should also be able to demonstrate that we are making an effort to learn and appreciate Lakota. It is a wonderful way to be able to relate to young parents and promote parental involvement.

I work with graduate students, and work to demonstrate that at least I am a student of Lakota language and culture and I will never cower when it comes to speaking or reading Lakota in class or in public.

There is something to be said for practicing Lakota and demonstrating our pride in the language even when we make mistakes.

We are not to boast about

our competence in a public arena, but I have always been proud to let people know that despite having earned a very good education I still build upon the foundation I learned in knowing the language. I know that learning Lakota takes time, especially as one gets older.

The young minds of our Lakota children are receptive and able to assimilate language. I am like some parents now days, in that I am not teaching my son enough Lakota at home and I regret that. I need to discover what it is that will motivate me and provide some incentive for both of us.

Child Support: How is it enforced across boundaries?

Even though there are general provisions as indicated in the last article permitting enforcement, several areas are specialized. Child support is one of those areas.

Setting aside jurisdictional issues, the federal courts have substantially nothing to do with child support, except enforce through criminal laws arrearages. The local courts, i.e., tribal and state courts make the original determinations and when and how the child support determination will be enforced.

Even though the Oglala Sioux Tribe has its own limited provision for child support, it uses the South Dakota Child Support Guidelines as authority in assisting in determining what amount of child support should be awarded in a divorce or annulment situation. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Law & Order Code provides at Chapter 3 Domestic Relations, Section 51, the following:

It shall be the duty of the court in all divorce actions to

make adequate provisions for the support of the minor children and may require either or both parties to make provisions for their support and the decree entered shall provide for support of said minor children and when filed with the Superintendent, it becomes a lien on all moneys and property that the court may recommend to the Secretary of the Interior that allotted lands and trust funds or of property belonging to the parties be set aside for the use and benefit of the minors until they reach their majorities or unless changed by the Department.

In any case, where an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe procures an annulment or divorce in any State court, he or she must file the same at the Agency and any provisions of said decree for alimony or for the support of the minor children shall have the same force and effect as if the decree had been issued by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court.

Guest Column

By Rena M. Hymans

Emphasis added. As indicated in the last paragraph of this code provision, child support orders merely need to be filed with the Agency (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and the order has the "same force and effect" as if the Tribal courts issued the order.

The state of South Dakota has a much more complex method of recognizing child support orders. South Dakota's provisions are found at the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act which is Chapter 25-9B of the South Dakota Codified Laws. The act specifically provides for the enforcement of child support orders from tribal courts. Even though the act uses the

term "state", that term is defined as meaning "any Indian tribe . . . that has enacted laws or established procedures for the issuance and enforcement of support orders which are substantially similar to the procedures under this chapter" SDCL 25-9B-101(18).

Several hoops need to be jumped through in order to have a tribal court child support order enforced in state court. Those steps are too detailed to fully lay out here. However, where general provisions in the tribal and state codes don't allow for the enforcement of a judgment, a specific issue may be addressed elsewhere.

Again, if there are any specific issues across jurisdictional lines which you would like addressed in the next issue, please contact the *Lakota Times* with your suggestions.

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Many BIA schools fail to make education grade

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Most Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in South Dakota aren't meeting goals of the federal No Child Left Behind law, according to the BIA.

Four of the 21 schools funded by the BIA in the state have made adequate progress, a recently released BIA report card shows, but the rest are either on alert to try and do better or face restructuring.

American Horse School of Allen, Crow Creek high school and elementary, and Enemy Swim Day School met the bureau's goals under the federal law that requires all students be proficient in reading and math by 2014.

Nine others are on alert status for failing to make progress this past year. Eight others are in various stages of trying to improve their schools after failing to make progress for more than one year.

In South Dakota, more than 7,000 students attend reservation schools funded by the BIA. Collectively, these students have the lowest test scores in the state.

Even though some schools have improved, it hasn't been enough, said Roger Bordeaux, superintendent of Tiospa Zina Tribal School at Agency Village near Sisseton. His school failed to reach enough progress this year after making it over the bar last

year. Yet he sees improvements at Tiospa Zina.

"We're doing better. It's going to take us longer to get there," he said of the federal No Child Left Behind rules. The downside is even with improvements, students still aren't at the level of their peers in public schools, he said.

"For whatever reason, they had a better head start," Bordeaux said of children at other schools.

Economic conditions, a shortage of preschool opportunities, high teacher turnover, rural locations and funding shortfalls contribute to poor student performance in BIA schools.

Rick Melmer, South Dakota Secretary of Education, said the state and representatives of the federally funded schools have identified some common problems and are trying to work together. One of the biggest struggles is keeping kids in school, he said.

While the state has no oversight of bureau schools, students often move back and forth between the BIA schools and state public schools. In the future, the state and BIA schools might work more closely. Some bureau schools might start using the state's accountability system.

Melmer attributes a lot of the performance issues at bureau schools to attendance, which is a problem at some public schools, too.

"I think a lot of it are just the factors that are contributing to why kids aren't in school," he said. "We'd like to think it's more akin to poverty-related things than anything else."

Rethink those video games for Christmas

Gain points, shoot a president, beat a prostitute

By A.J. LaVaine
Special to Lakota Times

KYLE — Do you have a video game on the list of Christmas presents for your child? Do you have an idea of what the content of the game is about?

The National Coalition of Television Violence has developed a system to rate the violent content of video games. Ratings range from XUnfit and XV highly violent to PG and G. Before shopping for your children or grandchildren, ask questions, and look at the ratings to make sure the gift you are purchasing depicts a behavior you would like your youngster to model after. Following are descriptions of several popular video games. You may want to be aware of their content before purchasing one.

JFK Reloaded is a new video game that allows players to recreate the 1963 assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy. It allows players to recreate the three shots fired at the president's car from Lee Harvey

Oswald's recreated sixth-floor window in the Texas School Book Depository. The game was released on the anniversary of the assassination of JFK, Nov. 22. Players get points for accurately matching the shots to the official events, as documented by the Warren Commission, which investigated Kennedy's assassination. The cost of the game is \$9.99 if downloaded over the internet. Most other games cost around \$50. A player can also earn a prize of \$100,000 if they register their shots and their shots are deemed to be the most like Oswald's.

Smugglers Run video games official website describes the players role as "a smuggler, a man without a moral compass, but with a very fast car," and your goal is "to deliver contraband across the borders for cash." Some levels feature rival gangs who have nothing better to do than hijack your cargo. The game's website justifies this glamorization of crime by stating, "Out here, the rules are different-if they don't catch you, you ain't done nothing wrong."

Grand Theft Auto features a person picking up a female prostitute in a stolen car. After he does his deed in the car he beats the women with a baseball bat so he doesn't have to pay her.

Doom is a game where a first-person shooter, runs around with an arsenal of weaponry, causing havoc and destruction, while at times destroying buildings. Doom is the video game Eric Harris played before the 1999 Columbine High School tragedy.

In the Nintendo games, women are usually cast as persons who are acted upon rather than as initiators of action. Thirteen of 47 games were based on a scenario in which a woman is kidnapped and has to be rescued.

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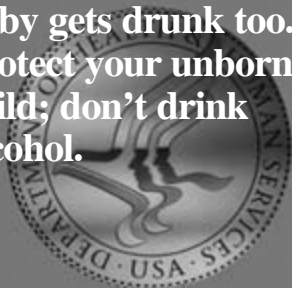
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Fear Factor: Native Style

By Vi Waln

Lakota Times Correspondent

ST. FRANCIS – Imagine eating a raw seafood platter consisting of sardines, shrimp and oysters with only lemon juice to wash these creatures down. That is what four brave finalists did last week to complete for the top prize in the Fear Factor – Native Style event.

Duane Leader Charge cleaned his plate first and walked away with a new stereo system as the top Fear Factor competitor. Other finalists included Al Left Hand Bull, Jessie Randall and Darcy Clairmont.

Several contestants signed up for four challenges and the top finishers in each event advanced to the next level. First, they had to walk across the gym like a chicken, crack a raw egg into a cup and drink it. Then they had to chicken walk back to the starting point. Raw eggs are hard to swallow and several competitors were disqualified during this first round.

The second challenge saw the competitors have their first encounter with fish. Using only their mouths, contestants had to transfer live minnows from one container of water to another. The fear factor was dunking their heads under water to catch the fish with their mouths. More competitors fell away during this round. Left Hand Bull transferred twenty of the live minnows in under 15 seconds and was the top competitor in this round.

The third event was the kidney transplant. Eight competitors were still in the running at this point. Each one of them had to transplant five raw beef kidneys from one container to another. Each kid-

ney had to be transplanted by mouth. Contestants had to crawl back and forth across the gym to move the raw meat around. Leader Charge finished his transplants in 32 seconds.

Other participants in the Fear Factor event were: Amber Big Crow, Jamie Madison, Roseanne Eagle Road, Effie Spotted War Bonnet, Demetrius Johnson, Omale Neck, Miki Neck, Angeline Bordeaux, Nicole McCloskey, Tate Win Eagle Deer, Leah Running Bear, Ashley Metcalf, Adam Moran, Lorraine Nez, and Misty Besherse.

Also, Wambli Blacksmith, Karri Besherse, Michael Ferguson, Brittany Metcalf, Kelly Stenstrom, Sam White Lance, Marci Rodriquez, Kristy Brave, Renae Four Horns, Cassie Red Bird, Rusty Clairmont, Cory Young, Nikki Stone, Cid Little Elk, Jake Swalley, Preston Good Buffalo, Kyle Swift Hawk, and Avery Iron.

The Fear Factor challenge was held in conjunction with a youth dance held at the Lakota Veteran's gymnasium. The Nov. 26 event was attended by more than 300 people of all ages, who registered at the door for prizes. All who attended were treated to free hot dogs, potato chips and pop. Live music was provided by the Stone of Red band. Announcer John Miller also provided DJ music. Coordinating the games were Mike One Star, Sr. and Gerald Eagle Bear.

Sponsors included the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Youth Affairs, Juvenile Diversion and Alcohol programs. Also making the even possible was the Rosebud Police Department and the Oyate Networking Project.



Just hold your breath and swallow! In the "clucking chicken" competition, contestants had to break a raw egg into a cup and drink it.



Duane Leader Charge demonstrates the fine points of live minnow transfer at the Sicangu Fear Factor Challenge.

OLC Lakota language contest involves young learners

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk

Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE – The Lakota Speech Contest at Oglala Lakota College was a reminder to all that watched that the Lakota language is alive and well on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Participants as young as the second grade spoke the Lakota language as eloquently as older college participants.

The following is the speech by Category C first place winner James Lays Bad from Red Cloud High School.

"Hau, James Lays Bad imaciypiyelo. Le anpetu ki eyuha dan yahip.

Miye iyomakpi cin Lakolyake le lila wastalake. Lila onahun waste yelo. Ehan-ni na owayawa na mita tiwahe ki waneyetu ehanni oci-ciyakapiyelo, eyas ake epinkte hecel oyate wana yahipiki tuweni nahum sni ki sloloya

kte yelo. Mahpiya luta owayawa ekta ble, na Lays Bad caze ki la eltahanl wa'u welo. Waniyetu lemacka ake sakowin.

Doksa le anpetu ki ehanni lokata oyate ki iwo caglakin kte yelo. Ehanni na sloypi sece oyate un macoce akanl tokiya un piki kilya cante wazun pi kxa cin wasicu hena macoce ki le unkita woapi ki alt yuhi icuwa cinpiyelo. Ehanni oyate hena macoce skil yuza pi yelo.Oyate hena iwocaglake kin lakota ki epi, Navajo, na Cheyenne, hena oyate kinyelo.

Nahan chin macoce ki la unkitawa pi ska wasicu hena unkcigluzapi eyapi na macoce cikal unkupi na hena eukugnakapi yelo.

Owayawa sica hena Board-ing Schools ignipiyelo. Hena nahanl cin ena uu piki lakol

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Pine Ridge Reservation Children get winter coats via Internet

By Anna Bee

Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — The use of Internet mailing lists will bring much needed winter coats to children of Pine Ridge this winter. Christine Rose, a resident of Fairfield, Conn. came all the way to Pine Ridge two weeks ago to meet with her friend Ivis Black Elk and the idea took from there.

"I got interested in concerns about the Native Americans five or six years ago when I found out about the 1637 Pequot massacre right near where I live in Connecticut. Nobody seemed to want to talk about it, the town people seemed to know but nobody talked. I just became obsessed with the injustices against the Native people. I saw that it didn't just include the past, but that it was going on now through genocide, racism and even relocation, so I started working with students and teachers across the country against racism," Rose said.

"I have been working with people in South Dakota for several years and talking with Ivis over the phone concerning other matters, I decided that since I was going to go to Pine Ridge concerning my work anyway, that I needed to meet her. We met at Big Bat's for tea, and began talking," said Rose. "Ivis has a warm heart, and she told me about



This is a good project, we are helping the children with something that they need.

Ivis Black Elk



some neighborhood children that she knew that didn't have a coat for the winter and that is where this began. We decided to do something about it."

Rose then set up a website <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/winter-inpineridge> to facilitate the collection of new coats and the emailing began. Black Elk provided a list of 190 children that could use winter coats. "We only need 90 more coats, we already have pledges of more than 100 coats. One lady on a fixed income of only \$524 a month asked if she could give hats, gloves or scarves – I told her to send her prayers instead," said Rose.

Ivis Black Elk said she gathered the names by just asking people, "I used my email list and then got other people to use their lists. I didn't know how fast things could happen. This is a good project, we are helping the children with something that they need." Black Elk is looking forward to a visitor that is coming to the reservation from overseas just because of this program, "She is coming all that way, just to bring me coats," said Black Elk. "You just don't know who you will get to

meet until it happens," she said. "I guess I am the type of woman that loves to do what I can to help."

You can call Christine Rose toll free for more information: 1-877-256-9720.

A place for everybody

Bennett County School community center

By Anna Bee

Lakota Times Staff Writer

MARTIN — A large addition of 24,500 square feet to the Bennett County Elementary School that includes two classrooms, one computer lab, one community meeting room and the largest and most up-to-date kitchen and dining facility in Bennett County is nearing completion.

The center will be open-

ing sometime in late January or early February. The 2.4 million facility is partially funded by a grant of \$250,000 given by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribal Community. "The original grant was a request for \$552,370" said Mike Stroup, CEO for Bennett County School District. "The breakdown for that grant was \$222,540 for the recreational/play-ground area and courtyard, \$65,130 for the outside learning area, and \$264,700 for kitchen and dining equipment. We will dedicate the entire amount that we receive to the kitchen equipment (tables, etc.), because the heart of

the program stems around the lunchroom cafeteria. We still need more money, and will be investigating every avenue to obtain it."

He added, "Our current cafeteria is inadequate and unsafe and didn't meet safety and fire codes. You can longer ever put children in kindergarten, first or second grade anywhere but on the ground floor, that includes lunch room. I suspect other schools will be feeling the effect of this ruling as well. We will have the nicest largest kitchen cooking facility in the county," said Stroup. "It can be used or pow wows, council meetings and community events.

We call it a cafenasium. It has a gym for use for junior high practices, community sports, and town rentals, but is not a varsity sports complex. There is no locker room," said Stroup.

Stroup continued, "The new addition is called the Bennett County Community Center, it is for the entire community. School should be a place where people want to be. Schools sometimes are perceived to be unfriendly places, where you only come when there is some sort of trouble – we don't want that."

"I want to especially

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The Bennett County Activity Center will be linked to the south of the existing school buildings. Many exciting site features have been designed including a courtyard and play area for the students to utilize. An extensive parking lot creates ample parking for community and civic events.

Lakota language *from page B1*



Lakota Speech Contest Winners. (Photos by Ernestine Chasing Hawk)

oyate ki kilya inajin pi kta. Oгна Lakota ki wani cepi ksa yelo.

Takuwan ake ociciyakapi kte ki tuweni wasicu hena u u kye ekta uunsila pi sni yelo. Tuweni iyokpi unkagapi sni. Tohanl cin wasicu itacanki unsila han lakota ekta?

Taku epe hena dagani macan zekinsnhi yelo. Kcgal takuwel epe sal?

Lakol wicoiye ki unglu spa uncipi ina lakol akiciyapi le waste cin hoksila na wicincincela kin hena unspe cipi hecel wiciya la suta ungluhapi ktheyelo.

Kilya iyomakpi oyate hena lakol wicoiye kili unspe wacapiyelo. Takuwan iyomakpi

ki mita tajau. Ki waniyetu topa. Wicaye kin tinze wicincincela le mahel wicoiye le tuweni tin kte sni."

- Category A Winners**
- 1st Lyndon Shangreaux, 3rd grade, Little Wound
 - 2nd Anthony Hopkins, 4th grade, Little Wound
 - 3rd Teal Brave Bird, 2nd grade, Little Wound
 - Certificates
 - Jory Weston, 4th grade, Our Lady of Lourds
 - Edwin Fire Thunder, 2nd grade, Little Wound
 - Christine Richards, 3rd grade, Little Wound
 - Adam Poor Bear, 4th grade, Little Wound

- Category B Winners**
- 1st Megan Yellow Boy, 7th grade, Our Lady of Lourds
 - 2nd Charity Wilson, 8th grade, Red Cloud Middle School
 - 3rd Sherina Lays Bad, 9th grade, Red Cloud High School
 - Category C Winner
 - James Lays Bad, 12th grade, Red Cloud High School
 - Category D Winner
 - Milton Mesteth, Oglala Lakota College, Porcupine Center
- Little Wound School received an award for the most participants.
- Winners received cash awards and a Lakota Dictionary.

Community Center *from page B1*

thank the Shakopee Tribe, and the people from LaCreek and Pass Creek District for the support for this center. We wouldn't have been able to get this off the ground if it wasn't for them.," said Stroup. "The money is important," said Stroup, "but that's not it...it's the approach to the Indian community to have a stake in this building. We want everyone to feel that this is their building, before we open the doors. It's about being part of the community, being accepted. This building is for everybody: tax payers, community members, the tribes, school people – everybody."

"Twenty years from now, people will forget about how much money it costs or how long it took to build," Stroup said. "This building is a legacy to the future, it is pre-cast concrete, it will be here in a hundred years. We only have one chance and that is right from the beginning, to have this community center work the way it is intended."

Craig Dillon, Oglala Sioux Tribal Councilman Lacreek District said, "Our new facility with a new cafeteria style eating area funded by a Shakopee Nation grant, meeting room and community area has the support of the Indian community. The facility doesn't cost us anything at all," says Dillon, "and we will have ownership through using it and taking care of it."

Dillon says, "We have had such a tough time in the separation of the community in Bennett County... we done tore it down, now let's build it up in a positive way. The school district needed our support – and so we gave it," says Dillon. "We can use this facility for dinners, after school events, pow wows and who knows; even some day maybe we'll hold a tribal council meeting there. Hopefully this will help us to move ahead together, and besides, it don't cost us nothing."

The grant will be formally accepted at a special Bennett County School Board meeting on Dec. 9.

Crow Creek continues to deal with condemned gym

Brent Brewer returns as Pine Ridge boy's basketball coach

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

STEPHAN – "Losing our gym for home games and playing all of our boy's and girl's basketball games on the road was devastating for our teams last year," said Silas Blaine, Crow Creek athletic director and head boy's basketball coach; "it was hard to build a fan base and if we got down in the second half we wouldn't get that boost from the home crowd to help us win those tight games."

Following the girl's volleyball season in the fall of 2003, the Bureau of Indian Affairs condemned the gym at Crow Creek High School on the Stephan campus north of Fort Thompson. Not a temporary state of affairs, the gym was determined to be unsafe for crowds expected for any of Crow Creek's girls or boys basketball seasons last year. After further evaluation, the gym's main supports were found to be deteriorating and it was decided that the facility was unsafe for renovation and is now waiting for demolition.

"It was a tremendous blow to our season last year," said Blaine, "the girls played all of their home games at the new Lower Brule community gym and the boys played four home games in Highmore, two in Chamberlain and one at Stanley County in Ft. Pierre." By the time districts rolled around, we had about a one fourth of our usual fan numbers, Blaine continued.

Although plans are set for a new gymnasium at Crow Creek, negotiations have gone back and forth with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and money for construction has yet to be appropriated by Congress. Once money is appropriated, the new structure should be up in about six months added Blaine. Plans call for a manufactured building that would seat 2,200 compared to the 1,200 seat gym still being used for physical education classes and basketball practice.

"It will be the fall of 2005 at the earliest date for the new facility," said Blaine; "we are going to use the Ft. Thompson Tribal Hall for our home games, seven for the boys and six for the girls – it is small but our players grew up playing there, it seats about 400 and has a tile floor but it will feel more like home."

"I just couldn't face another season without a

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home court, last year just didn't feel like a basketball season," said Blaine, "I told the administration I didn't think I could coach this year without some kind of home court," admitted Blaine.

Crow Creek boys and girls open their seasons in Rapid City for the 28th annual Lakota Nation Invitational tournament, the girls play Little Wound at 5:30 p.m. at the civic center on Wednesday Dec. 15 while the boys play Custer at 2:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More on Wednesday Dec. 15. Crow Creek first girl's home game at the Ft. Thompson Tribal Hall will be Thursday, Jan. 13 against Highmore while the boy's first home game will be Tuesday, Jan. 18 against Miller.

Brewer selected as Pine Ridge boy's basketball coach in time for first practice

PINE RIDGE – The Pine Ridge School Board selected Brent Brewer for head boy's basketball coach, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Dusty LeBeau three weeks ago. The decision by the Pine Ridge school board, Monday afternoon, was made in time for Brewer to coordinate the first boy's basketball practice Monday afternoon.

"We had 70 boys at the first practice Monday and I realize the season will be a challenge especially following in the footsteps of Dusty LeBeau," said Brent Brewer.

Brewer played his high school ball for Jess Mendoza, Bill Kappamen and Rol Bradford, participating on the 1987 Pine Ridge Thorpe team that wrapped up an undefeated season with the State A championship. After graduating from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell in 1995, Brent returned to Pine Ridge high school to teach social studies.

Brewer coached the boy's basketball team at Pine Ridge for the 1995-96 and 1996-97 seasons and coached the Lady Thorpes in 2000.

Pine Ridge has had an illustrious tradition in boy's basketball going to State tournaments 19 times and winning the B in 1936 and 1962 and the A in 1987. Most recently, LeBeau took the boys to state the last three years.

The Thorpes open the season hosting Todd County, Saturday, Dec. 11. Pine Ridge is the defending Lakota Nation champs and opens defense of their title on Wednesday, Dec. 15 against Little Wound at 7 p.m. at the Douglas gym.

Big Crow, Locust help Williston to two weekend wins and a 7-3 season record

By Tom Crash
Special to the Times

WILLISTON – Laura Big Crow and Tate Locust helped the Williston State Lady Tetons to their third straight win with a 91-45 pounding of Mayville State JV on Saturday in Williston. In a tougher game Friday, the Lady Tetons held on for a hard fought 73-66 win over the University of Mary JV.

Coming off the bench, Big Crow chipped in 16 points and grabbed six rebounds to help the Lady Tetons down the Lady Marauders while Tate Locust started and added eight points and five rebounds. The Lady Tetons went up 39-28 in the first half and held on in the second half as they were outscored 38-34. Williston shot 50 percent from three point range 7/14 and 20 of 28 from the free throw line, Laura was 4/5 from the charity stripe.

Everyone got a chance to play and score in the romp over Mayville State JV Lady Comets on Saturday as Williston upped their record to 7-3. Big Crow finished with 11 points and led the team with eight rebounds in just under 13 minutes of playing time; she had two blocked shots also. Locust added five points, three rebounds and a blocked shot in 15 minutes of court time. With a pressure defense that forced 24 turnovers, the Lady Tetons went up 41-16 in the first half.

Williston hosts Rocky Mountain JV on Friday.

Casey leads second half surge as SDSU picks up first win

BROOKINGS – After returning from their opening Division I road trip with tough losses



South Dakota State-Concordia (St. Paul) exhibition game on Nov. 13. (Photo by Eric Landwehr, SDSU University Relations)

es against Butler and Manhattan, South Dakota State University Jackrabbits clobbered Mayville State last Wednesday 87-51 for their first win of the 2004-05 season.

Up by just 10 at the half, 34-24, Mackenzie Casey, a freshman from Wounded Knee, came off the bench in the second half and fired up the Jacks with two quick steals and two straight field goals as the Jacks went on a 19-0 run to put the game out of reach. Casey finished with his best game of the young season with 23 minutes on the court, nine points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals.

Saturday, the Jacks were back on the road taking on the University of Illinois-Chicago at

the UIC Pavilion; the Flame lost to Number 3 rated Georgia Tech on Tuesday and were looking for their first win of the season. The Jacks were down 48-31 at the half and closed the gap to 14 points several times in the second half but couldn't get any closer and lost their third game of the season 80-66. Casey managed 23 minutes again and chipped in three points, three rebounds and three assists.

SDSU is on the road for four more games before they host Michigan Tech on Dec. 18. Wednesday they play University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Saturday they travel to Southeast Missouri State, Tuesday they are back in Milwaukee to take on Marquette and wrap up this five game road trip with a game in Denver, Dec. 11 against Denver University.

Tough road trip blemishes Augustana's undefeated record

CROOKSTON/BIMIDJI– The Augustana Vikings took their undefeated 4-0 record on the road to northern Minnesota last week and came up short in both games losing Wednesday to University of Minnesota-Crookston 90-88 and on Friday to Bimidji State University 88-85. Ray Taken Alive, a freshman from McLaughlin, saw limited action in both losses. Against UM Crookston Taken Alive played 12 minutes and grabbed one rebound; against BSU, Ray played five minutes and scored three points and grabbed one rebound.

Augustana moved their record to 4-2 and travel to Minnesota State-Moorhead on Tuesday and host Wayne State College of Nebraska on Saturday.

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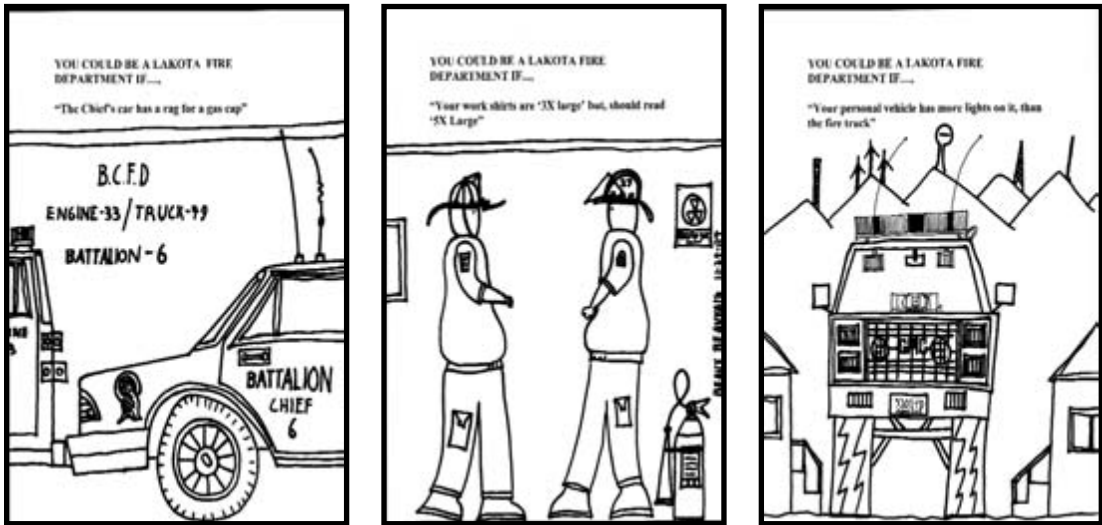
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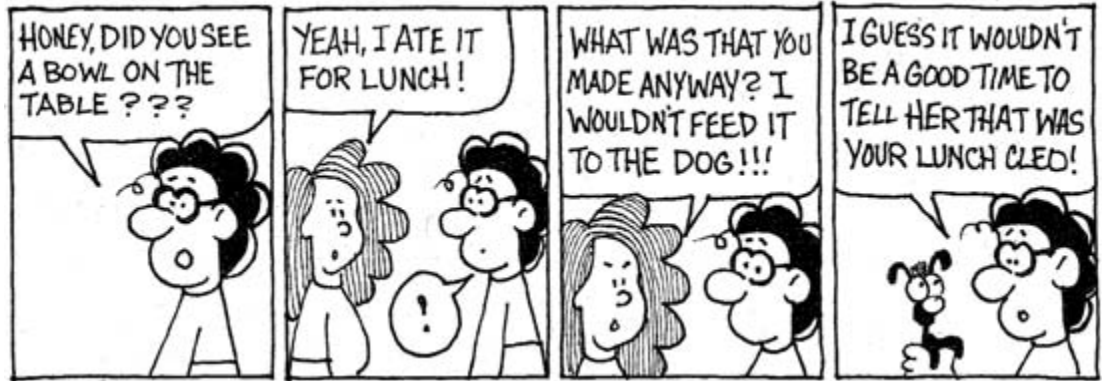
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Old Fashioned Christmas Sugar Cookies

These can make a great treat and more over a better memory if you do this your children or grandchildren.

Yeild 5 Dozen

- 1 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted (Powdered)
- 1 cup (2 sticks Butter)
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon pure almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tarter

In a bowl, cream together the sugar and butter, then mix in the eff and the vanilla and

almond extracts. In another bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, and cream of tarter; mix the dry ngredients into the creamed mixture, then cover and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Divid the chilled dough in half and roll it out on lightly floured cupboard or pastry cloth to 1/4 inch thickness. Lightly grease some baking sheets. Cut the dough with a floured cookie cutter; sprinkle with sugar. Transfer the cookies to the prepared sheets and bake for 9 minutes. Frost with desired powdered sugar frosting and sprinkle with favorite colored sprinkles.

Hidden Hershey Kisses Cookies

These are a little TWIST to the traditional Hershey Kiss Cookies.

- 1 cup (2 sticks butter, at room temperature)
- 2/3 cup sugar

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon pure almond extract
- 1 3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans
- One 9-ounce package Hershey's Kisses
- 1 1/2 cup congectioners' sugar (Powedered)

In a large bowl, cream the butter, sugar and vanilla and almond extracts. Stir in the flour and blend well. Add the pecans and blend well. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the dough for 1 hour. Preheat the over to 375 degrees.

Unwrap the Hershey's Kisses. Press a scant tablespoon of dough around each Kiss, covering it completely; shape into balls.

Place the cookies on ungreased cookie sheets and bake for 10 minutes. Cool slightly, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. Poll the cookies in confectioneres' sugar.

Ask Anna

Psychic Clairvoyant

Dear Anna:

Why do older Lakota men seem to pout or give the silent treatment so much?

Just Wondering on the Rez

Dear Wondering:

Some men have just never gotten over a bad habit. They used it with their mothers, and now that adulthood has peaked, they respond to their mates much as they did their mothers long ago. I think some of it relates to how much we begin to resemble our own mothers in our energy level as we mature – therefore, they tend to relate to us that way. In your particular case, I see a man that tends to shut down if he doesn't feel like he can win. That means that every disagreement or failure to align in thinking is a battle or considered a win - lose. If I could give him some advice, I would tell him that to disagree is okay, it is not a threat or a sign that he is not loved. Mirrors of ourselves would be totally boring, there would be no stimulation. Men !

Dear Anna:

My boyfriend keeps pulling me in like a yo-yo, telling me he cares about me, then disappearing for days without calling or talking to me, then calling me and coming over – and it goes on and on and on. I don't like it. Is he worth waiting for? Does he love me like he says?

Tired of It in Rosebud

Dear Tired:

I see him as caring for you, love maybe in his terms. I see him as wanting to make a relationship with you work, but not willing to commit the time and energy required to create a balance.

The question really isn't about him, it is about you – will this work for you? A man that comes and goes? Like it or not, he will change in a few years, but now and for a while anyway, this is him. Can you be okay with him in this relationship? I see you “cashing him in” for a better model, probably in March or early April.

Dear Anna:

My 4 year old son does not pronounce his words clearly, and rambles a lot. Is he going to speak clearly someday?

Tired of listening to it in Rapid

Dear No Ears:

He has a medical problem in the lower/upper job alignment. Please take him to a pediatrician or a specialist to help him to learn to speak, and for other options. He will speak clearly by the time he is 7.

Dear Anna:

My mother in law is sweet to my face, but I hear that she says bad things about me behind my back. I feel nervous and upset when I am around her. I love her son, and for the most part we have a good relationship, and I don't want to fight about her, is it true? Does she talk about me?

Gossiped about in Pine Ridge.

Dear Gossiped About:

Yep. She talks a lot about you. She is carrying a grudge for something you said to her a year or so ago. You made some remark about how she needed to do something to help her lose weight. She has not recovered from the remark. The best thing to do is to stop

ignoring her, let her be human and a protector of her son, and remind her occasionally how much you appreciate her. It ain't easy, I don't expect you to grow a halo and wings, but you don't live with her, so just be okay when you're around her. I see you managing this just fine for about five months, then blowing up at her and not speaking to her for three years. Try and avoid that. Just let her be mean, crabby and unforgiving. Don't drag your husband into it.

Dear Anna:

Why do I have to live like this? I don't have a job, I don't have a car, I do have three kids, and a mean old man. I don't like anything about my life including my hair. How long do you see me in this? What is the way out?

Trapped in the winter wind

Dear Trapped:

I do see you in the future. You are going to go to school, probably in Huron. You will leave the man in your life, for his sake as well as yours. He is just somebody that you keep around because you are afraid you can't make it without him. That is mean to him. Let him go so that he may find a life where he is truly loved and so that you can find that same thing. I see your mother in law taking care of one of your children for awhile; she won't mind. I see the other two going with you. I see you living in a little place that looks as though it may be attached to a larger house. You will be alright. Call the school, get info sent to you. Begin your journey today. Use henna on your hair. I see that it looks great.

You may “ask Anna” by emailing: lakota1868@gwtc.net Faxing: 605-455-1870 or calling and leaving your question: 605-455-1868

Holy Road

Canku Wakan

Martin George (Chasing Medicine) Bliner

WAKPALA - Martin George Bliner, "Pejuta Wakuwa" (Chasing Medicine), 55, rural Wakpala, died Nov. 24, 2004, at Mobridge Regional Hospital. Family and veterans gathered Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Oster Funeral Home in Mobridge to follow in procession to Wakpala for one-night wake services at Wapala Community Center. Services were Thursday, Dec. 2, at the community center, with the Rev. Eugene King and St. Elizabeth clergy officiating. Burial was Thursday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Doyle Clown

EAGLE BUTTE - Doyle Clown, 28, Eagle Butte, died Sunday, Nov. 21, in Eagle Butte. An all-night wake was Sunday, Nov. 28, at H.V. Johnston Cultural Center in Eagle Butte. Family and friends gathered at the four-mile junction on Sunday to follow in procession. Services were Monday, Nov. 29, at the cultural center, with the Rev. Norman Blue Coat, Deacon Dora Bruguier, Deacon Ted Knife and Deacon Byron Bufalo officiating. Burial was at Upper Cheyenne Congregational Cemetery in Bridger. Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge was in charge of arrangements.

Emmett American Horse

KYLE - Emmett American Horse, 65, Kyle, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at Scottsbluff Regional West Hospital in Scottsbluff, Neb. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include three sons, Clifton American Horse and Forrest American Horse both of Kyle, and Gary American Horse, Tulsa, Okla.; three daughters, Ethel Means, Porcupine, Ramona Rowland, Wounded Knee, and Lucille Bull Bear, Kyle; four brothers, Joe American Horse, Oglala, Vern American Horse, Gordon, Neb., Scott American Horse, Pine Ridge, and Dave American Horse, Chadron, Neb.; and 18 grandchildren. A wake was held at the Emmett American Horse residence in Kyle. A second-night wake was Thursday, Nov. 25, at Little Wound School in Kyle. A third-night wake was Friday, Nov. 26, at Native American Church in Potato Creek. Services were 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the church, with the Rev. Barney Iron Shell officiating. Burial was at the Native American Church Cemetery in Potato Creek. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

Ed Cuny Sr

MANDERSON - Ed Cuny Sr., 45, Manderson, died Fri-

day, Nov. 19, 2004, in Rapid City. Survivors include two sons, Ed Cuny Jr. and Jeremiah Cuny, both of Oelrichs; two stepsons, J. Lee Big Crow, Pine Ridge, and Coy Big Crow, Rapid City; one stepdaughter, Marnell Big Crow, Germany; one brother, Chris Cuny, Manderson; and two sisters, Tuesday Cuny, Rapid City, and Carmen Yellow Horse, Red Shirt. A one-night wake was Thursday, Nov. 25, at Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge. Services were Friday, Nov. 26, at Billy Mills Hall, with the Rev. Steve Sanford officiating. Burial was at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery in Porcupine. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge was in charge of arrangements.

(Baby) Jeremiah M. Archuleta

PINE RIDGE — Baby Jeremiah M. Archuleta died Nov. 16 at Pine Ridge. Parents are Ronald Archuleta and Rebecca A. Lewis of Pine Ridge. Survivors include brothers Joshua Archuleta and Brandon Briseno and a sister Brianna Briseno all of Pine Ridge.

Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Joy Bush of Porcupine and maternal grandparents are Joyce and Manuel Lewis of Pine Ridge.

Funeral service was Nov. 27 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, with Charles McGaa and traditional services by Rick Two Dogs

Burial was at Holy Rosary Mission Catholic Cemetery, Pine Ridge.

Funeral Arrangements were placed in the care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.



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Qualifications:
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Please have the following required documents when applying for this positions: Valid Driver's License, High School Diploma/GED, Social Security Card, Degree of Indian Blood (if claiming Indian preference), any/all certificates pertaining to the job.

For more information please contact the OST-DPS Human Resources Office at 605-867-5141

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Maintenance/Carpenters (2 positions) Central Division

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Salary as budgeted

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How to apply: Submit a completed Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing employment application to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing Personnel Manager. Attach all pertinent documents, Blood Degree if claiming Indian Preference, Veteran Discharge DD214, High School or GED Diploma, College Transcripts, College Diploma, Reference Letters, Licenses or Certifications and State Driver's License. Resumes must have addresses and telephone numbers of past or present employers. All information submitted will be verified.

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Thursday, December 9, 2004 Oglala Post Office – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	

For more information call Human Resources at 605-867-5141 or call Donna at 605-441-4141

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High school weekend basketball Jamboree
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OST Council sworn in

First council meeting addresses Executive Committee issues

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE – On Dec. 7, the newly elected Oglala Sioux Tribal President, Cecelia Fire Thunder, Vice-President Alex White Plume and the 18 member Tribal Council were sworn into office during their first council meeting at the Little Wound School in Kyle.

Rep. Stephanie Herseth (D-S.D.) sent her congratulations from Washington D.C. to the newly elected tribal officials.

“I look forward to working with President Fire Thunder in the upcoming months and years on the issues that are important to children, important to families and communities, small business development and issues that are important to women. As two women leaders I think that we both broke new ground,” Herseth said.

She wished not only Fire Thunder but also members of the new tribal

council congratulations on their elections and encouraged young people to stay involved in the political process. She said she looks forward to working with them in a sovereign government to government relationship.

Former OST President Newton Cummings from the Lacreek District addressed the new council members and advised them to work together to as a team and to support their new tribal president and vice-president.

“I think we have a president that really cares. Men have been in charge for a long time and I think it’s time for a woman to be in charge. Maybe she will bring the tribe up to the high standards where we should be,” Cummings said.

He advised the council, “to show respect for your elected leaders” and when a hot issue comes up on the floor and they disagree, not to be childish and walk out, but instead stay and vote against it.

Cummings reminded them that the treaties are the Supreme Law of the land and that Bennett County is a part of the 1889 reservation boundaries set by Congress. He also advised them to “cut the fat” out of



Maxine Lakota, Pres. Cecelia Fire Thunder, Valerie Janis, Garfield Steele, Lyle Jack, Shirley Poor Thunder, Phillip Good Crow, Ruth Brown, Austin Watkins, Bernard White Face, Kathy Janis, Ella “John” Carlow, Vice- Pres. Alex White Plume, Paul Little, Lydia Bear Killer, Will Peters, Walt Big Crow, Craig Dillon, Juanita Scherich and Tom Poor Bear.

the budget, cut travel to Rapid City and other places and said that indirect costs “have been an abomination” and advised them to take a “real hard look at the indirect cost pool.”

Vice-President White Plume addressed the newly elected council

next and encouraged them not to be timid because being “timid is on the verge of cowardice.”

“I see that happening every day, several board members will sit there and they know something needs to be changed, they know a policy need to be made but they are timid,”

and that by not speaking up “something bad will just continue on and on.”

He encouraged all council members to be true to the tribal constitu-

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Gathering of the Great Plains Treaty Tribes in He Sapa Dec. 15

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

ROSEBUD – The Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council will host a meeting Dec. 15 at the Rapid City Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn promoting and striving to unite the Oceti Sakowin or Great Sioux Nation.

The 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty between United States Government and the Brulé, Oglala, Miniconjou, Yanktonai, Hunkpapa, Blackfeet, Cuthead, Two kettle, Sans Arcs, and Santee—and Arapaho will be the topic of discussion.

“My feeling is that the 1868 treaty was made with one entity, the Great Sioux Nation. The strength of the treaty is going to take all of us, all the bands of the Great Sioux Nation. If we are going to hold the United States Government from abrogating any part of the treaty, we are going to have to do it as one Nation,” said



Webster Two Hawk, Chairman, Board of Directors for the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Commission.

Webster Two Hawk Sr., Board of Directors Chairman for the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Commission.

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“Group at Ft. Laramie” photo is of commissioners and Indians during the signing of the 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty. In the center is Man Afraid of His Horses. (Photos courtesy of Newberry Library)

Porcupine School: Adequate Yearly Progress A journey of first steps

(Editor’s note*This is the first of a series of articles on NCLB and reservation area schools)

By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PORCUPINE – When the nationwide No Child Left Behind Act

became law, it was to create a new standard of learning across the nation. The act puts special emphasis on implementing educational programs and practices that have been clearly demonstrated to be effective through

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March to bring attention to ICWA commission findings

By Ruth Steinberger
Lakota Times Correspondent

PIERRE — A march to call attention to child welfare issues facing Indian families throughout South Dakota will be held on Dec. 14, in Pierre.

The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare Consortium has organized the march in order to call attention to the seriousness of the issues being reviewed by the governors’ commission that is completing a study on Indian Child Welfare Act enforcement legislation.

The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare Consortium is a newly developed organization comprised of the Indian Child Welfare programs on the reservations and in rural and urban areas throughout the original boundaries of the 1851 treaties. The consortium has organized to begin planning for the protection of Indian children through a united tribal effort.

The march will begin at 1 p.m. at LeFrambois Island and will end at

the Ramkota, the location of the commissioners meeting on that day. All tribes are asked to send some personnel to march in solidarity with the tribal members who are expected to attend.

The governor’s commission was formed during the 2003-2004 legislative session when the South Dakota legislature was called upon by all nine tribes and legislators representing Indian districts to support South Dakota Senate Bill 211, entitled, ‘An Act to implement the federal Indian Child Welfare Act,’ legislation strengthening the compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

On the 2004, Native American Day at the South Dakota Legislature a letter signed by the chairmen of all South Dakota tribes was presented to Governor Rounds supporting such legislation and, specifically, supporting the original version of the bill.

After that time a “hoghouse amendment” (a “hoghouse” refers to the complete rewriting of a legisla-

tive bill so that none of the original version of the bill exists, yet the content deals with the original matter in some now altered way) was created by South Dakota Officials and the Governors Office. The South Dakota legislative website description of the bill was changed to contain the message, ‘This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.’

The altered bill called for the creation of a commission to assess whether or not non-compliance with ICWA actually occurs in South Dakota. Indian appointees would be a distinct minority on this commission, with state appointments exceeding the number of tribal appointments by two to one. Essentially, state officials from South Dakota would assess whether or not they comply with federal law regarding Indian youth. Officials

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1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty. (Photo courtesy of Newberry Library)

The Sicangu Treaty Commission was chartered in 1992 by RST Resolution No. 92-120 in recognition "that all treaties concerning the Sicangu Sioux Nation are of fundamental importance to the tribe" and "as an organization which will aid the tribal government in researching and disseminating information concerning Sioux Treaties affecting the Rosebud Sioux Tribe."

He said that when the 1868 Treaty was signed, it was the

first time the people of the Great Sioux Nation had boundaries imposed upon them and that the treaty was about the taking of land.

"It has always been about the land and it still is today. I have had this statement since I was a little child, 'Someday if we have no land there will be no Lakota's.' Our land is our security. Because of the land we have a unique special status with the United States government. Because of the land we are not just another minor-



Janet Clairmont, Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council Administrative Assistant

ity," Two Hawk said.

He said that although the Federal Government wrote the 1868 Treaty and it is one sided, "It's all that we have to hang on to," and that the Great Sioux Nation may never see the return of the Black Hills, but land taken in Dawes Act is still something the tribes of the Great Sioux Nation can seek compensation for.

"Three million acres were taken from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. That allotment act really undid us as a people. We have two big land claims. The one that is probably doable is the

when they opened up the counties. We have never been

fully compensated for that land. Our treaty office should be concerned about that," he said.

Janet Clairmont, Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council Administrative Assistant said the meeting in Rapid City is scheduled to update beneficiaries on trust responsibilities which the federal government has broken in regard to the 1868 Treaty and to address issues pertaining to land, water, air, health, education and the welfare of the children and people.

On the agenda for the meeting are Roy Stone Sr., Spiritual Leader, Charles Colombe, RST President, Dorothy Firecloud, BHNFS Acting Deputy, Dave McKee, Cultural Resource, Johnson Holy Rock, Oglala 5th Member, Tim Mentz, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Victor Douville, Historian, Larry Janis, Cultural Resource, Harold Frazier, Chairman Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and Jim Jandreau, State Park Ranger.

"I am inviting all of the Sioux Nation tribes to come to the meeting. I want them all to be there. We are working to get compensation for the millions of acres that were taken

from us," said Clairmont who started working in the treaty office in 1994 as the sole employee protecting the treaty rights of her people.

The office staff has since expanded to include Clerk Typist, Geraldine Blacksmith, and two JTPA employees, Cora Horse Looking and Doug Arcoren.

The Sicangu Treaty Commission Board of Directors are; Webster Two Hawk Sr., Chairman, Darrell Marcus, Vice-Chairman, Valerie Crazy Bull, Secretary, Robert Wood, Treasurer, Charles Bull Bear, member, Edd Charging Elk, member, Glen Yellow Eagle, member, Seth Big Crow Sr., member and Leonard Wright CR, member at large.

The office is located in the basement of the historic building known as the Red Log Building in Rosebud which was built in the 1930's.

Application has been made to the State Historical society to designate it as one of the historic places in South Dakota.

The Mission of the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council is; "The Sicangu Nation has endured many changes throughout our

history of conflicts and inter-relationships with the *Wasicu*. During this time, our institutions of political, economic, social and religious systems have fallen on hard times. Our sovereign ability to regulate and maintain these institutions have been taken from us and restored back in a different form that is not compatible with our past traditional lifestyle. Thus, it is the primary mission of our Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council to help restore the political, economic, social and religious systems back to the most appropriate level as possible and to protect and uphold the cultural integrity of our way of life.

The Secondary Mission of the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council is to ensure that the basic needs of our education, health, judicial and law enforcement and economic well being of our people are addressed and fulfilled to the highest appropriate level.

Last but not least, the overall mission of the Sicangu Lakotas Treaty Council is to ensure that the treaties are honored and upheld as they were intended to be."

Council

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tion and to work together as a team and not fight against each other because they are looked up to by the people to make a change.

"I know for fact our people are tired of living in poverty. That is the war that we have to go fight. Poverty is the enemy," White Plume said.

He said he people are creative and innovative and have created an underground

economy because, "people just don't want to be poor no more," and that it will take courage to make a change.

He called for an upgrade of the "old outdated" constitution that was designed to assimilate the people into the white mans world, "We don't want to be *Wasicus*, we want to be us and whatever we are, we need to find that," and said the culture, ceremonies

and language are still intact.

"So for two years the cream of the crop of the Oglala Lakota people is sitting right here. We all surfaced to the top, our people are counting on us," and said the young people are waiting to hear something good, but cautioned the council not to make promises they can not keep.

He said for the next two

years he will help the tribal president complete her agenda, and encouraged council not to create road blocks to progress.

Next, the first woman president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Cecelia Fire Thunder addressed the council in her native Lakota language and said she is looking forward to working with them in a good way.

"I would like to greet you all with a warm hand shake with good feelings from my heart. To all of the people in this room, to my colleagues and my partners and my team members for the next two years, to Mr. Vice President. I am looking forward to the next two years, *eyunskinye*, in a good way," Fire Thunder said.

She told the council that the expectations that have been placed upon them are great and that the people need a lot of support and a lot of help.

"It is up to us to lead us to lead them into the future, to have that vision that we can be a better nation. Not only can we be a better nation, but we have to capture the greatness that we come from," she said.

As a reminder she said the people's greatness was their ancestors and the people must never forget the sacrifice that their ancestors made so that they all could be here today.

Judge Marina Fast Horse then swore in all the new council members which are:



The Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce honored Cecilia Fire Thunder and Alex White Plume with star quilts during the swearing in ceremony

Paul Little, Tom Poor Bear, Craig Dillon, Walt Big Crow, Juanita Scherich, Will Peters, Ella "John" Carlow, Lydia Bear Killer, Shirley Poor Thunder, Ruth Brown, Valerie Janis, Kathy Janis, Maxine Lakota, Austin Watkins, Garfield Steele, Lyle Jack, Phillip Good Crow and Bernard White Face.

The new council did not waste precious time and immediately began to take care of business on the agenda which included extending time for submission of nominating petitions for the Executive Committee and extending selection of Standing Committee

Members until the Dec. 21 council meeting.

The Inauguration ceremony is scheduled for Saturday at Little Wound School beginning with a symbolic four directions ride at noon. At 1 p.m. the inauguration ceremony will take place in the Little Wound School Auditorium.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. followed by an Inaugural Pow wow at 7 p.m.

Invited guests include; Wilma Mankiller, Tex Hall, President National Congress of American Indians with entertainment by Robby Romero.

Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council

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from all nine tribes opposed the hoghoused version of the bill.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) noted that the commission lacked the time and other resources necessary to complete an adequate study.

Virgena Wieseler, Administrator of Child Protection Services of Department of Social Services testified that compliance with ICWA was not the goal of the commission and called the work of the commission, "An opportunity to shape public policy." Wieseler never acknowledged in her testimony that ICWA is law and is not an option.

Although ICWA was intended to halt the flow of Indian youth away from tribal communities, since the 1978 passage of ICWA a steady increase, not a decrease, has occurred in the percentage of tribal youth in custody of South Dakota Department of Social Services. The number of tribal youth in state custody has grown from 40 percent in 1978, to over 60 percent now.

According to Census 2000, Indians represent around 10 percent of the 692,561 people living in South Dakota. According to Census figures, there are 62,283 Indians in South Dakota and the number of American Indian children in South Dakota is 26,793.

According to statistics from South Dakota Department of Social Services 767 Indian children were in "alternative care", meaning that they were under the guardianship of the South Dakota Department of Social Services as of Sept. 30, 2003.

Non-natives in South Dakota total nearly 700,000. The number of non-native children in alternative care in the state at that time was 583.

While nearly 3 percent (three in one hundred) of all Indian children were under custody of South Dakota Department of Social Services, only three one thousandths (three in one thousand) of non-Indian youth were in that system.

Indian families comprise 60 percent of families whose parental rights are terminated.

The ICWA study commission that was formed during last years legislative session will meet on Dec. 14, 2004 to finalize their report to Governor Rounds and to the South Dakota legislature on South Dakota's compliance with the federal ICWA legislation.

Consortium member, founder of First Voices and lobbyist for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Mary Ann Bear Heels McCowan said, "On Dec. 14 we will march along the causeways to the Ramkota where the committee estab-

lished to study the Indian Child Welfare Act legislation is meeting to finalize their report to the 2005 legislature. They need to be aware of the support for this legislation. The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare Consortium has been meeting to ensure that all members of the Great Sioux Nation have the opportunity to be heard concerning this very important piece of legislation. We do not want the state of South Dakota to pass any legislation that does not provide adequate protection for the rights of our native families and especially for the children who have been so deeply affected by the actions of the South Dakota Department of Social Services and the courts of the State of South Dakota."

Mary Ann Bear Heels McCowan said, "We want to be heard. We want the State of South Dakota, the legislature and the governor to understand that our children are sacred. We want them to understand this piece of legislation as we understand it. We would like everyone who has been affected by it through the court system, the judicial system, the legislative system and the Department of Social Services to join us. These agencies are where it starts."

Bear Heels McCowan was asked if this is an issue frequently brought before First Voices. She said, "Yes, it is. The loss of children by Indian families affects Indian families throughout the state. This affects us all, every Native American family, every one of us. How many Indian families are there? That is the number affected by this issue. This issue affects us all."

Bear Heels McCowan said, "Our march for our children is to let the governor and the legislature know that the tribes have a vested interest in the study and it's outcome. We believe that the commission and the legislature have a responsibility to address our concerns as native people."

Bear Heels McCowan said, "The march is for the children and their families. They take our children and they do not give our *tiospaye* the opportunity to raise them. They take them out of state and away from us. They do not try to give us a chance-we are not all bad and yet that is how they made us feel. Our sister, our cousin, someone, can take care of a child and keep the child within an Indian family, yet they have made us feel that we were all accused. We get convicted as a race. And this affects all of us; it is not an isolated incident. We have been dealing with this at every level." Bear Heels McCowan noted that it is up to judges to enforce ICWA and judges in South Dakota have failed to do so. She concluded, "Some of them may

know something about ICWA, but they are not aware of what it is supposed to be."

First Voices is in its third year of lobbying on Indian related issues that come before the South Dakota legislature. Bear Heels McCowan was asked if enforcement of ICWA will be a main focus for First Voices during the coming legislative session. She answered, "This issue will be one of many. We have a lot of concerns and this issue will be one of many we will address."

Chief Leonard Crow Dog shared his support for the march. Crow Dog said, "I support the march. On June 24, 1924 we became citizens and we have had a very hard and unbalanced proceeding of life. Our people have been culture shocked and it is always called some kind of a handicap, alcohol, or something to that effect. There should be an understanding of this world called the United States and the world that we live in within the generation of our grandmothers and grandfathers. I believe now we understand American customs."

Crow Dog explained that customs that have brought destruction on tribal people as a whole have been used to further destroy Indian families. He said, "We want these hearings to make it clear that we are human beings. We are the highest paying taxpayers in the United States; it has been paid from us by our land. This has been a violation of our human rights. The way we are, we live in tipis, we live in longhouse, we live in an earth lodge. When we started living the way of today there should have been a ceremony of the relations to say, "This is our home", but today it is just relocation into the tribe called HUD. The feeling of home has been removed from our beautiful families and tribes. We do not have the opportunity to structure our homes and our families to be called homes so that the children will be happy. Our education should have been provided in the unique language and culture in which we live. The highest educator in the United States could not tell us that we are comfortable and I do not care if our kids are educated. Why are we sitting in a courtroom and who owns this land and whose kids are these? I am so sorry for what we are going through."

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rigorous scientific research.

Although it the NCLB was created to improve the nation's schools, it has brought hardship to many schools, including BIA schools.

As part of the measuring system for success, adequate yearly progress standards were to be set according to a starting point based on the performance of its lowest achieving schools in each state.

"We have never been informed exactly what these standards are," says Beverly Tuttle, chairman of the board of Oglala Nation Education Coalition and a board member of Porcupine School. "There is no definition of what the AYP standards are, so we don't know what were working with."

The Oglala Nation Education Coalition is an organization on the Pine Ridge Reservation that consists of member schools, the college and Oglala Sioux Public Safety.

"We have asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs for clarification, we have asked them what measurements they are using, and we have not received any answers," Tuttle continued.

"We can go clear back to 1997, when we apparently had a couple of schools categorized under a standard of needing school improvement. We weren't even notified until 2001. How can we address issues when we are given no information? And once we get it, we spend a lot of time doing catch-up."

Tuttle also remembers when they asked the BIA for technical assistance for restructuring in the manner of consultants: "We got this guy, who wanted to start with the firing of the entire school board. His approach was real top heavy, and in effect, he wanted to privatize our schools. We had to begin again, the right way, with integrity, with the members of the community, the parents of our children, working with the school. It's a community school, not just a learning institution."

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs office of Indian education only American Horse School on the Pine Ridge Reservation made "adequate yearly progress." Wounded Knee School, Porcupine School and Loneman School have all been categorized with the status of "restructuring", with schools of Little Wound, and Pine Ridge being in the status of

"school improvement", and Crazy Horse with the status of "corrective action."

Sharon Wells, Office of Indian Education program specialist in the Washington, D.C. BIA office, says: "When the status of a grant school goes into reconstruction or correction, the local school board makes the determination concerning all actions of correction. This is an exception to other schools. School boards are the only option they have according to the NCLB act, Section 1116 Academic Assessment and Local Educational Agency and School Improvement, #8 Restructuring, (g) Schools Funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs: ...the school board of such school shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of subsection (b) relating to development and implementation of any school improvement plan as described in subsections (b) (1) through (b)(3), and subsections (b)(1)(E). The Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of subsection (b)(4) relating to technical assistance.

Board President of Porcupine School and board member of ONEC, Janice Richards said that the schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation need to develop their own AYP criteria: "We need to make it culturally relevant," says Richards. "We are doing this under ONEC, and in this way we can develop our own progress. Currently in the Porcupine School, we have shown improvement over last years AYP scores, but apparently they are not enough to make adequate yearly progress. What is adequate yearly progress? I just can't tell you, and neither can the BIA. What I know is that either we have to direct the testing criteria, or otherwise you just train students to pass a particular type of test. For instance, one of the test questions on a SAT test is about a skyscraper. That is just not culturally relevant here."

Porcupine School has many programs in effect to address issues in the community and with the children. "We have the 21st Century after school activities program which is geared to helping students that fall behind, and the Baby FACE (Family and Child Education) program for the three to five year old children," says Richards.

"A lot of our issues, are adult issues," says Richards. "They

effect the children, but they don't belong to them. We are addressing them through activities that involved everyone."

Elfreda Janis is the data specialist of Porcupine School. Janis has been working on several grants to help with overall academic improvement at Porcupine School. "We have gotten approval for a \$25,000 grant dedicated to teacher quality, and although that money has not yet been received, it is for teacher training. Another grant for \$115,000 has been received for improving basic programs. This grant is dedicated to improving AYP through ensuring our teachers are qualified to meet the standards, the hiring of consultants and for parent involvement and representation. We also got a grant for \$150,000 for literacy focused on the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. This will help us build a better library with more reference material. I recently wrote a grant for \$49,000 which is specifically for improving the school libraries.

Porcupine School has the Rigby Reading Series program now in effect. It is geared for the challenged reader, the intermediate reader and the advanced reader. "This program covers all components of literacy," says Janis, "and the State of South Dakota is going to adopt it too. We are on the cutting edge with this one."

"We have balanced literary classes for teachers once a month. They are on Saturdays, and we have only had one teacher, one time miss a class. These are dedicated teachers working to achieve the student's highest potential," said Janis.

A consultant has been hired for the math connected series, "Everyday Math." The implementation of the program includes modeling and individual coaching specifically geared towards the NCLB act.

Porcupine has also recently hired an Education Program Supervisor to supervise the teachers and instructional staff, review academic training and determine new training required. "We're headed in the right direction," said Janis, "we are looking at a lot of issues, everything connects, we're making steps and each journey starts with the first step. Now we know where we want to go."

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Drought — A judgement from God or just a weather pattern?

*..Now the wind grew strong and hard,
it worked at the rain crust
in the corn fields.
Little by little the sky
was darkened by the mixing dust,
and the wind felt over the earth,
loosened the dust and carried it away.
from The Grapes of Wrath,
written by John Steinbeck.*

Everybody talks about it, but nothing can be done about it. It brings folks together to pray, it sends governments into legal disputes over water rights, legislation, and the federal insurance organizations into heart failure as losses from it tend to climb. It cannot be legislated, controlled or even effectively predicted. What is it? Drought and according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) drought is here in South Dakota. It varies from exceptionally dry to extreme drought throughout the state.

Recognition of the onset or end of a drought is compounded by the lack of any clear definition of drought. Drought can be defined by rainfall amounts, vegetation conditions, agricultural productivity, soil moisture, levels in reservoirs and stream flow, or economic impacts. In the most basic terms, a

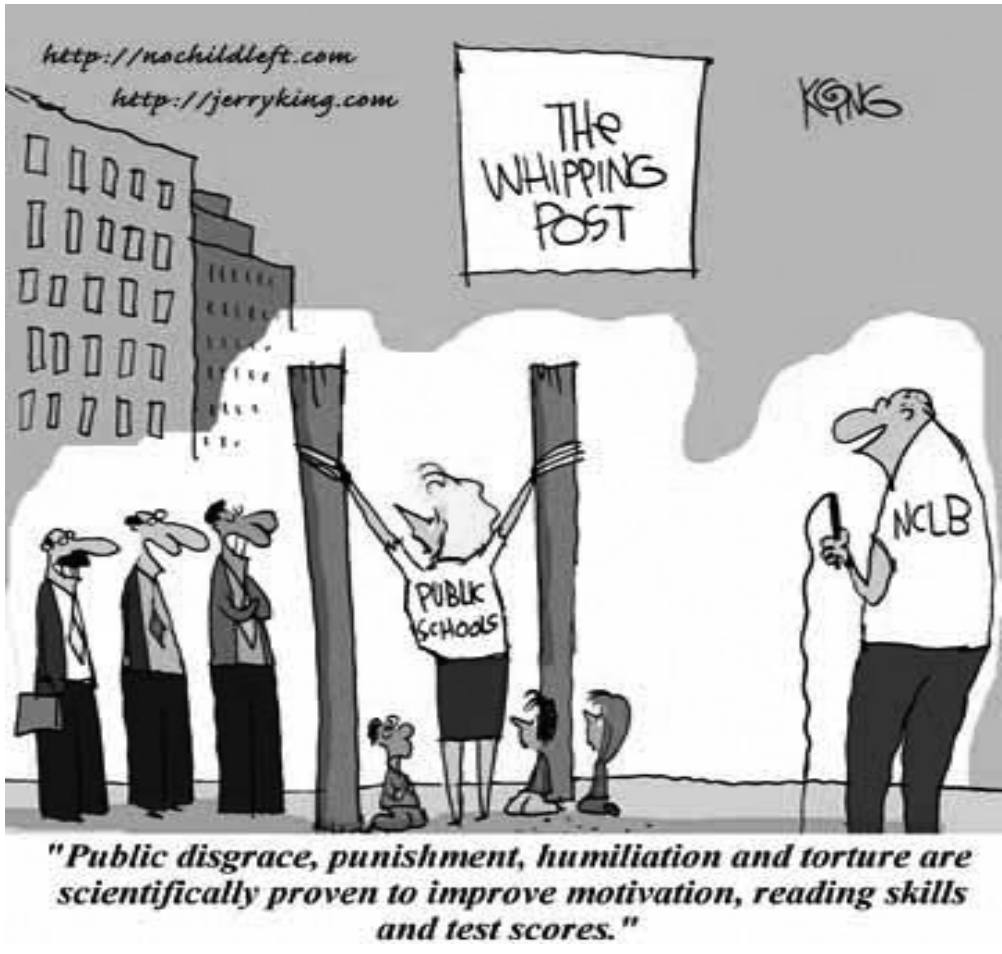
drought is simply a significant deficit in moisture availability due to lower than normal rainfall.

The cost of losses due to drought in the United States averages \$6-8 billion every year, but range as high as \$39 billion for the three year drought of 1987-1989, which was the most costly natural disaster documented in U.S. history.

Our ancestors knew about drought. They didn't need NOAA. They looked at the berries, the grasses, the migration of animals and birds, and they could tell without television that it was dry and had been dry for a while.

Nobody knows when this drought will be over. The National Weather Service says they hope for snowfall or rain this spring. So do we...well, most of us, anyway. No snow has advantages, our heating cost will be reduced, no big need for snow tires, easier travel on the rez roads, not so much mud on the living room floor and we can drive a little longer without replacing the window in our car.

We can blame God, manufacturing's pollution, luck, or each other for the bad karma, but the effect is still the same. Drought is, and has been a cycle on the since the beginning of time, they usually start in the east and move to the west, and that this drought actually started on the east coast in 1999. It's here. It's real. It's real dry.



The Christmas present that can backfire

RAPID CITY — Christmas in America is the great consumer event of the year. Retailers expect to take in 50 percent or more of their total sales for the entire year in just the four weeks before Dec. 25. That means that they count on every American to buy items that they can and cannot afford.

The most powerful motivator to buy gifts is the desire to show our loved ones just how much they mean to us. After all, Christmas is the Season of Love, isn't it? Advertisers hope that their persuasive messages will convince us that buying bigger, better and more gifts will reflect the love we have in our hearts for our loved ones.

Expressing love becomes the motivation that can make us get into our cars, drive long distances, hunt down the closest parking place, fight hoards of other Christmas shoppers, stand in long lines to pay for things that we often pretend that we can afford, drag them home, wrap them and, in exhaustion, get them under the tree before the kids get up on Christmas morning. After an hour of an unwrapping frenzy and a mountain of paper and bows, the gifting event is over.

If "bigger, better and more" actually worked, America would be the happiest country in the world on Dec.26. Well, it's not. In fact, depression is at an all time high after the holidays. Only to be out done by the end of January when credit

Guest Column

By Connie Pich
Financial Empoerment Coach

card statements arrive and money that should have been saved for necessities is gone.

This can be the year of change for you and your family. Right now is the most opportune time to help your family make adjustments in their expectations of Christmas. Before you start your shopping, two things are essential to stay empowered financially. First, write a list of the people you will buy gifts for and, second, calculate how much money you can spend for gifts without harming you and your family in the future. Set this money aside in whatever way works best for you.

Some people separate gift money in the form of cash into envelopes. Reserve the funds needed for household and living expenses first then determine how much money is left over for gifts. If managing cash is difficult, this may only work if you give the envelope to a trusted family member with the stipulation that it can only be used for Christmas gifts. As you shop, write on the envelope who the gift is for and how much it cost. This will tell you exactly how much money you have left and who can be crossed off your Christmas list.

If using checks or debt card, pay for Christmas gifts separately from other purchases. It can be a pain to write two checks but you have an accurate accounting of the money that you have left for gifts. Do not spend more than you stipulated for gifts.

If you use a credit card, charge only as much as you can pay off completely on the next bill. Being unable to pay the full amount on a credit card is considered credit abuse. Credit card companies don't tell you that when they send you an application, do they? Don't abuse your credit. It can make buying a large purchase, like a car, difficult or impossible in the future.

I have found that there is such a thing as a "bad gift". A bad gift is one that the giver could not afford. Money worries take up our life energy by demanding we work more or by being mentally and emotionally preoccupied. Financial stress actually takes the gift-giver away from spending quality time with their loved ones. And that, my friend, is too expensive. Discuss this spending plan with your friends and family so they understand the changes in gift-giving this year. You can do this. It is important to the health of your family.

Letters to the Editor

God wants all to repent

Dear Editor:

Here is what is recorded in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." NIV

This version is in the KJV the same verse. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, so some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Do we really repent of our sins or are we just sorry that we got caught and have to spend time in jails or prisons. What about those who were not reported, so they think they are getting by with the wrong words and actions. What about those who think all kinds of evil thoughts, are they just as guilty as those who commit the evil deeds. They are just as guilty if they continue in the evil thoughts. We know of many who were killed by alcohol, drugs, car wrecks, bullets, knives, beatings or some sickness caused by the evil lifestyles that some want to live in. When an evil thought comes we are to ask Jesus to take them away, as long as we do not do what the evil thought wants us to do, it is not sin, but when we do what the evil thought wants us to do then it becomes sin.

When sin is in control of our lives we have no power to help ourselves and sin is killing us, by making us do things that we can't resist when temptation comes. Even when we know that it is wrong but we do it anyway. This is a heart full of sin, and Jesus is the only one who can clean up our hearts and make us live good clean pure lives.

Jesus Christ, is the only one who is able to forgive us of our sins and make us live with a good clean heart, when we confess that we are sinners and ask him to forgive us. When we believe in him and come to him by faith, confessing our sins and telling him we are sorry for our sins and asking him to forgive us, we are forgiven. Remember Jesus, is the one who was whipped for our sins, remember he was the one who suffered for what we have done wrong, he shed his blood to cover all our sins.

After we are forgiven we keep the Holy Bible with us and read it every day and pray every day. Prayer is communicating with God the Father through Jesus, that is the only way our prayers will be heard by God. No religion, no church, no other belief will be able to save us from our sins but only through Jesus.

Only Jesus can make hearts pure, so that no matter what happens in life the peace of God, is in our hearts to cushion us. We come to Jesus confessing that we need him to make our hearts pure and we ask for his Holy Spirit to come into our

hearts. The Holy Holy Spirit, helps us to understand what the Holy bible is saying, he lets us know what Jesus wants us to know. He helps us in our daily walk to make the right choices, to live with the Holy Spirit of Jesus in our hearts, so that when temptation comes we can resist all the evil thoughts and not do what the evil thoughts wants us to do.

The human race is created in the image of God, so we are hated by the devil and his crowd, that is why so many crimes are seen on TV or movies, which help to destroy the people. The only one who can and did defeat the devil is Jesus. The devil thought that after all the beating and whipping and being nailed to the cross with a crown of thorns, and death of Jesus, he got him out of the way. But Praise the Lord, Jesus arose from the tomb, He defeated death and hell for us, so no more do we live in fear of death and hell.

When we confess that we are sinners and repent we are forgiven and the fear of death is gone because we know that Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven. And when we confess our sins to Jesus they are taken away from us never to be used against us no more. When our sins are gone we will stand before the throne of Jesus, pure and holy.

But when sin is not confessed and is in control then when death comes, there is a fearful place of darkness, evil, no water, no light, no hope, no friends, no family, no God, a place of weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, with a burning lake of fire where those who have rejected Jesus will be thrown into, which is called Hell, forever.

Please do not think that you will get into heaven with sin in your heart, and do not think that you will get by, and do not treat the Lord Jesus as nothing. He is our only hope, he loved us so much that He gave His life for us, He shed His blood to cover all our sins, to wash them all away. Jesus is the only one who can give us eternal life.

God is eternity, and He loved us so much that His only Son came to earth to show to us God's great love. Here is what Jesus said about His authority, (Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6) NIV

Please read the whole chapter of II Peter chapter 3, if possible read the whole book of I and II Peter, and ask the Lord to help you to understand. And read John chapter 14 too. The more we read the Holy Bible, we are able to hear the word of God and understand and keep ourselves from what God calls sin.

Cecelia Fast Horse, Spotted Bear
Wounded Knee, S.D.

Indian Child Welfare March important, people need to show support

Dear Editor:

All of Indian country should be at this march in Pierre on Dec. 14. Why? Because it is the lives of our children, our future children and their children that needs to be protected Now. The Indian Child Welfare Act became law in 1978 but the state of South Dakota and any of other states in American do not respect this law.

The state of South Dakota Social Services is selling our children to non-native families right under our noses and we are helpless to do anything about it. Most recently the Governor's office set up commissioners for the purpose of having hearings on all the reservations in South Dakota in which there was some very powerful testimonials recorded attesting to the defunct Indian Child Welfare Law in South Dakota. The Department of Social Services looks the other way when it comes to adhering to the ICWA law.

Poverty is most pervasive in Indian country and because it is so, this is one of the main ingredients for genocide of Indian nations still continuing in this twenty first century. The poor cannot afford an attorney outside of the reservation and this makes these young parents setting ducks for South Dakota Social Services. The young parents leaving reservation to seek employment or whatever in the urban areas need to be aware of this.

The Great Sioux Nation Indian Child Welfare

Consortium has been meeting regularly in the past several months making an all out effort to strengthen the existing ICWA law which is due to go before the legislation in Pierre in January 2005. It is for this reason that we are marching on Pierre.

The Lakota people believe that our future is with our children. We as adults need to establish laws today to ensure that our grandchildren's lives are safe from atrocities of present day conditions, that their rights are protected and reaffirmed continuously. We are Lakota people, let's practice our sovereignty. It is imperative that we give notice to stop the sale of our children by the South Dakota Social Services!!

Join us in our march for our children. Call Ike Schmidt (605) 856-2082, Patricia Catches (605) 867-1282, Mary Ann Bear Heels McCowan (605) 222-9333, or Beverly Iron Shield (605) 823-4533, or just show up for the march in Pierre on Dec. 14, at 1 p.m.; start point is at Laframboise Island to Ramkota Lodge. See you there.

This will be a peaceful march conducted solely for the purpose of making our concerns known. We will not condone any action that may be construed in any way to be unlawful or disturbing to the normal course of business.

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Cecilia Fire Thunder is the embodiment of Hillary Rodham Clinton

Her voice was distinctive but could it be that this was actually Hillary Rodham Clinton expressing her point of view on the radio station of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation?

KILI-FM scored a coup on November 2, 2004 that most radio stations would die for. On the same day former president Bill Clinton, Jesse Jackson, and Senator Ted Kennedy graced the airwaves on this tiny, reservation radio station.

All of the on air personalities encouraged the voters of the reservation to turn out and vote for Tom Daschle. Their plea was strong and did cause a record turnout for a national election, but with just over 51 percent turnout, it proved to be not enough.

About 1:00 p.m. that day, as I listened to the pleas of the high profile callers, station manager Tom Casey reported that only 10 percent of the registered voters had cast their ballots. I knew that with only six hours remaining until the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the turnout would not be enough. I knew that the sig-

nificance of this senate race had not fully registered with the voters of Pine Ridge.

Oddly enough, the calls by Senator Clinton and others did not speak to the fact that a very important local election was also taking place. Cecilia Fire Thunder was running for the presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe against Indian activist Russell Means. The focus of the election on this reservation was geared more to this race than to the national race for the U. S. Senate.

This was the third attempt by Means to become president of the Pine Ridge Reservation. He lost races to Dick Wilson and John Steele in the past. This was the first time in the history of the Oglala Sioux Tribe that a woman had reached the finals in a race for the presidency.

Radio station KILI had allowed its listeners to hear all of the candidates for the tribal council talk about their political positions and it had also aired the debates between Fire Thunder and Means. The station had been encouraging voters to

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By Tim Giago (Nanwica Kciji)
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get to the polls for several weeks. The local reservation newspaper, The Lakota Times, endorsed Fire Thunder and also pleaded with voters to make their votes count.

In the face of all the publicity over the local and national election, why did only 51 percent of the registered voters turn out? This is a question that must be analyzed and dissected before the next election. There is a reason this happened and Fire Thunder and her administration must get to the bottom of it.

There is no power in the Indian vote if it is not utilized to its fullest.

A man-in-the-street poll by The Lakota Times prior to the election indicated a lot of apathy amongst the young voters. With few exceptions, the interviews gave the impression of a "who cares" attitude. Are the schools on the reservation doing an adequate job of keeping the young people of the reservation educated and interested in the election process? This too will require further study.

As I said, Cecilia Fire Thunder won the election for the presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe by a large margin. Instead of offering his hand in congratulations, Russell Means immediately brought a lawsuit in federal court challenging the residency of Fire Thunder. His lawsuit questioned the legal residency of those Indians living in Bennett County, a locale that makes up the LaCreek District of the reservation.

Two residents of Bennett County have served as presidents of the Oglala

Sioux Tribe; Newton Cummings and Harold Dean Salway. If successful the challenge of Means would diminish the size of the reservation and knock nearly 1,200 Lakota out of the right to vote. More than likely, the federal court will not make a ruling, but instead will recognize the sovereignty of the Pine Ridge Reservation and throw it back to the tribal court.

Fire Thunder took a page from the campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton. She traveled to all of the voting districts of the reservation on a "listening tour." In a way this was in keeping with the traditional way of reaching out to the people. She sat and listened to the young and the old and to all of those in between. She formulated her campaign upon the input from the people. She came away understanding their concerns and addressed them as she traveled across the reservation. She listened and offered solutions much in the fashion of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Fire Thunder broke

through a barrier that had never been breached in the history of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. She became the first woman to ever be elected as president. Even Time Magazine offered a short paragraph on this historic achievement.

In an Indian tribe that has always been led and dominated by men, the accomplishment of Fire Thunder in breaking this glass ceiling is significant. She now stands as an example to all of those Indian women who have been supporting and even supplanting the men of their tribes for the past 50 years.

The voice of Hillary Rodham Clinton reverberated across this Indian reservation, but little did she know that a strong Lakota woman had emulated her style in seeking the presidency of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and won.

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The conservative side of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act

During the course of a change in legislative membership in this country, there is inevitable attention focused upon those fashionable trends in education. Trends that are intended to somehow tweak the education of our children from accountability to NCLB to zero tolerance.

As an educator and part time columnist, I have to begin with a disclaimer that I have disparate knowledge about a lot of topics and have mastered none of them. A couple of years ago, I was doing a moot job interview with some other educators, and one of them asked me my opinion of the No Child Left Behind legislation. I was somewhat embarrassed and had to admit that I knew very little about the Act. Since then, I have reviewed some of the many articles on the topic.

We have seen time and time again, news reports that NCLB has been an important piece of education legislation that has enjoyed great political support, but not the federal funding to support professional development, remediation and ongoing innovations in technology. South Dakota, however, has been rated one of the better states in instituting internet

access for the majority of schools.

When any mandates are imposed upon Native schools, such as NCLB, there is a tendency to react in a defensive mode and to understand the ramifications of accountability standards and lack of federal funds as they affect tribal schools. There is a lot of attention in the media and in the community focused upon not only tribal schools in South Dakota, but all schools. Last week, a couple of public schools in South Dakota were cited as Blue Ribbon schools for presumably meeting their school reform goals.

There were four reservation based tribal schools that were cited for making adequate yearly progress in reading and math. If we were to visit with the administrators and teachers from those successful schools, we would probably find that they might have relatively small enrollments and very good parental involvement. They have found the key to involving parents, making the right curriculum choices, and invoking a governance configuration that is accountable. Many have probably experimented with

Northern Perspectives



By Dr. Archie Beauvais

school reform models and have discarded those which are not effective for Lakota children.

About now, many tribal schools are scrambling to elevate their math and reading schools and wondering what the future holds. What holds the key for increased parental involvement, good discipline, decreased violence in our schools, pride in our local schools, and teaching Lakota language to our children? When parents react to student violence, teacher apathy, and a decrease in test scores, there is no easy answer. A host of con-

sultants, input from university professors and other curriculum designers may not prove enough to aid our schools.

Being culturally different, tribal people necessarily view the world from a more relaxed and liberal perspective. We are unable to fully understand the relevancy of a piece of legislation that many hoped would be repealed if a new administration took office. Now we have to wrestle with happens next if we are unable to free ourselves from the improvement status many schools nationwide find themselves in. For tribal schools, this is especially troubling, as the state has no jurisdiction and the Bureau of Indian Affairs is the same. As sovereign entities, it seems like tribal councils or even tribal colleges may be called upon to provide answers.

We have seen nationwide, many large school districts also finding themselves in improvement status and some even participating in legal suits to exempt themselves from the mandate of NCLB.

Hess (2004) notes that there is a crisis in schooling in America, however schools are not doing any worse than they did twenty

years ago. Many schools are mediocre and are being asked to service an increasing large number of students. In 2003, 29 percent of eighth-graders were proficient in math, while 32 percent were proficient in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Apparently, the key is not more money, but how to effectively use the resources that we have. Schools have to be exciting places to work where talented teachers are rewarded and other professionals are able to make sound decisions. Teachers have traditionally worked in solitary as they prepare for class and evaluate student work. Their work is not always scrutinized or checked by superiors and no one will know if they do not do their best. In other careers, professionals know their work will be subjected to oversight (HCSE, 2004).

As tribal schools contemplate what the future holds and how to meet performance standards, there are strategies and governance decisions that must be made. Only the community and school know what is best for the school and parental involvement is vital. We need

to attend to those reform principles that are most suited to our community and to make those difficult decisions that will allow us to excel.

I tell my son Beaux that he is contributing to moving his school out of improvement status. We work hard at his attendance and I have great expectations of him. I am on the parent council at his school, though I have not been able to attend a meeting due to time conflicts. He is in the sixth grade and scored a grade equivalent of 12th year 6th month on the STAR reading assessment. We are also caught up in this whole school reform effort and as a family are working to understand what it means to his school if they do not remove themselves from improvement status.

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Defining internalized oppression and racism

The reservation is surely not the easiest place to live. (we hear this often) Our children are led to believe the only way they will succeed is to leave home and become "somebody."

I recently heard that when our children go to places like Rapid City our children are called "Resers" by other Indian children who live there. What is happening so those Lakota children have no connection to who they are? I am appalled at times when I read school board meeting minutes and read statements made publicly by Lakota parents. Especially when people make statements that can only be defined as "internalized oppression."

Maybe we need to define and educate ourselves about internalized oppression and racism. This should be part of our healing journey. I am sure that there are some who are not lost but there are some who need to search their souls.

To put it simply, internalized oppression and internalized racism is self-hate, despising all things Lakota. The result of

internalized oppression and racism is shame and the disowning of individual and cultural reality and heritage. Patterns of internalized oppression and racism cause people to act in certain ways.

It causes divisiveness and disunity by finding fault, criticizing, belittling each other and our culture and calling each other derogatory racial names. Internalized oppression and racism is when people belittle self-improvement or have unrealistic expectations of those who are willing to take a risk at leadership. We see and hear internalized oppression and racism when our own people believe negative stereotypes and say it is okay for sports teams to call themselves some name related to who we are.

It is remarkably clear that being Native American is not easy. We constantly hear in addition to being the poorest of the poor, we will have less education, inferior health care and housing, a lower standard of living and lack the basic necessities such as food and clothing because of unemploy-

Guest Column



By Lydia Whirlwind Soldier

ment. And heaven forbid - maybe even fewer aspiration for ourselves and our children. All this plays a critical role in perpetuating racism and discrimination. It perpetuates the superior paternalistic attitude of the racist. It protects their power, authority and self-interest because in reality such statements show that we can't take care of ourselves.

When we accept this form of internalized oppression it prevents us from having self-confidence, from questioning

social and economic deprivation and prevents us from seeking our own best interests. It divides and confuses us. It keeps us from advancing as a nation. It prevents us from taking control of our lives and the lives of our children. The oppressor takes possession of our pride and self-confidence.

We wonder how we ever got to this place of confusion and chaos. Why and how did this happen? As children we grew up with people - teachers, religious leaders, employers and even relatives who covertly tried to change us into something that mainstream society would accept. We unconsciously succumb to internalized oppression and racism by accepting the prejudiced, discrimination and racism against us. We learned this as children from experience and actions against us.

We saw those we love accept the treatment of narrow-minded people. It is a very complicated process that takes years of subtle negative behaviors toward us. This not only happens to us as Indian people but it happens to all minority

groups.

When people make statements at school board meetings that are recorded as public documents we cannot let them pass. Statements such as; "We need to be studying, not sitting around talking about long time ago and being Native American." Does that also apply to American history? Do we need to be sitting around talking about long time ago and how the constitution was created? What is the difference? Or, another statement such as; "I'm not trying to knock the Lakota culture, but these kids are going out in the "real" world and they need to learn other things." Do they think we are living in a "make believe" world? When we leave the reservation, does this mean we are entering the "real" world?

Such statements as this are unbelievable as well as ridiculous. When such statements are made they are harmful to our children in many ways. We have to take a stand, defend and educate. We can no longer model internalize oppression for our children.

On the other hand, I certainly applaud the teacher who was doing her job and integrating Indian Studies.

When even one parent makes statements reflecting internalized oppression and racism the oppressors gleefully jump on these statements and use it as an excuse not to integrate Indian Studies. They say, "See, even the parents don't want Indian Studies in the schools." This is a prime example on how internalized oppression is used and the "divide and conquer" tactic moves into play. In other words, we are agreeing to the tactics used to oppress us, we are agreeing to our own oppression. We allow people to denigrate us through invalidating the value of our language, culture and history. We internalize racism by being ashamed of our inherited language.

Let's define what being Lakota is to our children. We have great role models in our

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Child Custody: Fight to file first

Child custody on and off the reservation is usually a hotly contested battle.

In many circumstances, the first to file has the upper hand. Child custody situations concern not only married individuals, but also unmarried individuals who share the parenting of a child.

In South Dakota, the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act has been adopted.

As other statutes discussed before, this act does not apply to disputes between a state court and a tribal court. This Act only addresses disputes between two states on the issue of jurisdiction over a child custody dispute. SDCL 26-5A-2 defines "state" as not including tribes.

Federal legislation, such as the Indian Child Welfare Act, likewise does not address jurisdiction when it involves the two biological parents fighting over the custody of a child. 25 U.S.C. Section

Guest Column

By Rena M. Hymans

1903(1) defining "child custody proceeding" to the exclusion of disputes between biological parents over custody of a child.

So what happens when two members of the same tribe, both residing on the same reservation, have a dispute over child custody? The tribe governing the territory upon which they reside have exclusive jurisdiction. However, what if two members of the same tribe, one residing off the reservation and residing on the reservation, have a dispute over child custody?

The answer changes. In this situation, the South Dakota Supreme Court has determined that the state court has concurrent jurisdiction with the tribal court.

Then it is a race to file and/or serve the other party first. Harris v. Young, 473 N.W.2d 141 (SD 1991). Whichever party commences their case first in the appropriate jurisdiction can substantially affect multiple aspects of the child custody proceeding - just by assuring the jurisdiction of their choice has control over the child custody proceeding.

So how does this affect enforcement of the child custody order off the reservation? The person obtaining the order in tribal court must follow the comity procedure laid out in the pervious issues to have the tribal court order enforced off the reservation.

In discussing the ability to enforce and obtain orders, new issues are raised making protecting one's rights very difficult and technical. Good luck with whatever issue you and your family face.

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history such as, Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, and many more, our own great grandparents and our grandfathers and grandmothers are our role models. We have living role models in our community who live sober and family oriented lives. My spirit would swell with pride if someone said to me, "I knew your grandmother and you are just like her!" In my lifetime I have heard people say, "I wish I was Lakota!"

No matter what is say about "us resers", we are with the people we love and people who love us. We love our Lakota ways because that is who we are. This reservation is certainly home to us and the place we choose to be - this last little island, our homeland. We have pride in being tribal people and our children should also feel the same way. It is up to us as parents, grandparents and relatives to teach our children about being Lakota - ingrain in them cul-

tural pride. The schools can do their part. Indian Studies connects the school with the community - it creates a sense of belonging in schools for some students. The reservation society is our "real" world. How do our students fit into this "real" world if they don't know who they are? How valuable is education in this "real" world if it does not accommodate our culture?

Our children should know about and see us as survivors, see our strength and belief in our culture. Don't let them be that parent in the future who questions the value of being Lakota.

I will always be grateful to my grandparents for their input in my life. They gave me the most important gift that has gotten me through difficult times and that gift will be with me for the rest of my life - that gift is self-confidence, that gift is pride in being Lakota..

The road to good health and wellness

The story of Donna (Mousseau) Jumping Eagle

By Rosalie Janis
Special to Lakota Times

As I drove to the residence of Billy and Donna Jumping Eagle I was blessed with not only the good feelings I get from entering their home but also the great blanket of snow from *Tunkasila* and the cool crisp air that left a feeling of cleansing. As I stepped outside my home I took a deep breath and felt the freshness of nature enter my body. There is nothing like the cleansing of nature.

I drove the short distance to my sister Donna's house, thinking of the love and spirituality that is so strong and the welcome that I would receive. As I entered the home I was greeted by her daughter Sarita, who is always happy to greet me into her home. As I walked into their home I felt the coziness of the strong Lakota family. Sarita sat back down on the couch by her spouse, and informed me that her Mom was down stairs. I looked around the living room and kitchen. There was a young lady in the kitchen cooking and the aroma of the food was so soothing, they had their Christmas tree up and all decorated and everything was in a place it seemed to belong. It was a feeling of strong caring arms wrapping around you and telling you this was a safe place to be and that you were welcome here anytime. You felt a sense of a common, simple life.

But life was not always this simple for Donna and as with many of us alcoholism, poverty and abuse touched her life as a young girl and young mother. We would like to share her story with you in hopes that it touches you to know that you are not alone and that there are others who struggled and overcame these obstacles of living a good, well balanced life.

Donna (Mousseau) Jumping Eagle was born to Fern (Hollow Horn) Mousseau and Russell Mousseau, Sr.. Donna and her brother Russell, Jr. was raised in Rapid City by her grandmother Sarah Hollow Horn. She attended the Rapid City Public Schools from Kindergarten to 8th grade and was sent to Flandreau Indian School from 9th grade until she graduated from 12th. After high school in 1975, Donna moved to Manderson, SD with her grandmother Sarah. This is where she met her husband Billy Jumping Eagle and married in 1976.

I asked Donna about the struggles she encountered while growing up in Rapid City she stated that there were the usual peer pressures but that she also felt the absent parent syndrome; not having here Mom and Dad and that it was hard for her grandmother to take their places; her grandmother took on the roles and responsibilities of both the Mother and the Father. She stated that they did not feel racism so much as her and her brother seemed to get along with everyone.

Her grandmother started by trying to support them by working at a local café but eventually had to get on welfare; it was financially hard on her grandmother. Her Mom would come to visit but her father never did.

I asked her if there was alcoholism in the family and she told me that her grandmother did use alcohol, but she always made sure her and her brother were taken care of. During the holidays her Grandmother taught them that the holidays were full of meaning. They were taught the feeling of giving and being thankful. Expensive gifts were not that important. If you could not afford them you should do only what you could afford.

I then asked her if her and her family were always spiritually strong and if they always practiced their Lakota ways. Her answer was:

It was always there, in you, in the heart, but it was when they moved back to the reservation there was more focus and practicing our Lakota ways, more often then in the city. After her marriage to Billy they had six children; three boys and three girls; with a chuckle we said "the perfect American family".

I asked Donna if she was ready for a family:

Donna answered stating that no one is ever really ready to have a family; but the only things she would do different would be to go to college first because it is hard to work, raise children and take college classes. The other change she



Donna Jumping Eagle

would make if she could go back is that she would never have introduced alcohol to her children.

Alcohol was a part of her life when she first married and after she had her sixth child she decided she did not want it to be a part of her life. with the help of her brother-in-law, Leroy Looks Twice, and the reintroduction of the *inipi* they were able to put away the alcohol. It was not easy though, they struggled. For the first year they left alcohol alone for 6 months and fell to alcohol, it just took one week-end. But, they did not give up; they stood tall, brushed themselves off and picked up the alcohol free life again. This time they quit for one whole year before alcohol took hold of them; again they stood tall and fought off the control alcohol has on so many of our people. Today, they tell with pride yet with humbleness that they have been ALCOHOL FREE FOR 12 YEARS.

The biggest change that Donna (Mousseau) Jumping Eagle has made in her life is to be Alcohol Free and learning to be a parent. A parent who guides her children in the right direction and finding the spirituality that we all have within - It is there always but because of alcohol and drugs we do not see and feel it, but it is there.

Billy and Donna Jumping Eagle have overcome the use of alcohol only to live a balanced life that not only includes their children but also the nine children from his sister and cousins they raised. If you know them you know that there are times when they have anywhere from the 15 they raised to an additional five to 15 others who are at their home.

Their feeling is that their doors are always open for a safe place to be. When Billy and Donna set aside the alcohol they also moved to the country in a small three bedroom trailer. They lived in this small trailer with no running water and an out house from 1994 to 2002 with all their 15 children.

I remember in the year 2002 Billy and Donna was getting their new three bedroom self help home and Donna told me that it was going to be just her, Billy and the young children they were responsible for, I knew this would not be because Billy and Donna have hearts of gold. They just cannot see someone homeless and they cannot see children suffering as a result of abuse, alcohol, drugs or gangs. So the new home that Billy and Donna own is busting with several families and many children. Yet you walk into their clean home and wonder how they do it.

Donna said; no matter who you are or where you come from you are given responsibilities, chores that are done when others come to us for a temporary place to stay. Our motto is that our doors are always open we have a basement that we use for families who need a temporary place to stay until they find their own home or can get back on their feet. We are here to help that is what life is about.

During this time Donna and Billy were taking care of their own, taking in other children, and opening their door to help families Donna continued with her goal of getting her bachelors eegree in elementary education. She told me that education is so important not only to better herself to help her family but also to help others and to be a role model for everyone especially our young adults and children.

Donna will share more stories with us on how her life changed and how we can all take our life pains and joys to not only change our lives but to help others who ask for our help. Drugs and Alcohol are destroying our way of Lakota living but we have so many wise Lakota's who can share their stories so that we can live and raise our children in homes such as that of Billy and Donna Jumping Eagle.

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By **Connie Pich**
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RAPID CITY — In the last 25 years, non-Indian people have become drawn to Native American values and traditions. They admire the deep spiritual values and the respect that native culture has for Mother Earth, the Great Creator, thanksgiving for all living creatures, the family concept of the Tiyoſpe. I am an admirer.

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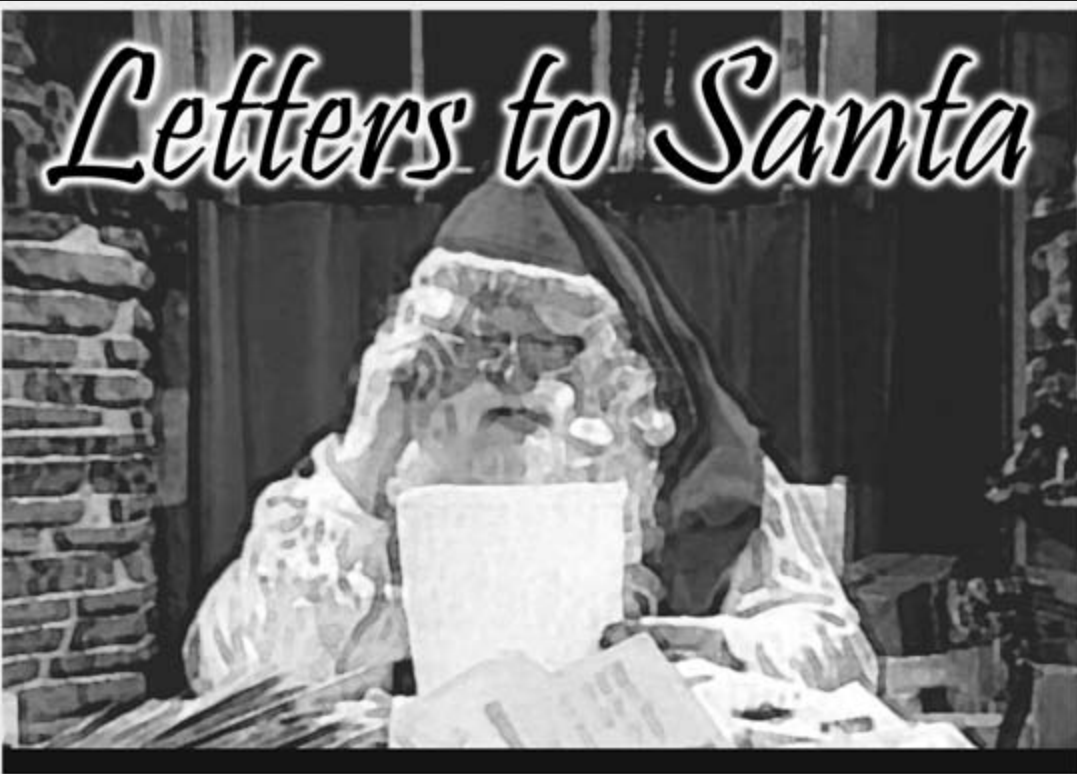
begging behaviors to get adults to buy the products for them.

The contamination of our most sacred values of both cultures is at hand. My grandparents were savers. Native ancestors were wise and practical about using their resources to make it through a harsh winter. Storing (saving) food and hunting only what was necessary for the tiyoſpe were their guiding principles.

My generation has a difficult time creating a spending plan that includes provisions for today, the future and security for the next generations. Since Christmas is at hand, this is an immediate issue.

Open, loving communication is the place to start. To create a more sacred holiday, talk to our family members about traditional values and how to enliven them this Christmas. Explain how the choices that we make reflect our true values. Then ask your children and teens to make a list of the things they really want, rank them from most to least desired, then discuss that only the first one or two items will be given this Christmas. Ask them to help make a plan to do something meaningful and special as a family instead of more gifts. Teach this generation how to make meaningful celebrations for their children.

Helping our children to use the values of responsibility, wisdom, generosity, humility, fortitude, and courage can be gifts for the generations to come. Our role modeling is very important to keep both of our cultures strong. Don't let a multi-billion dollar ad industry own our Christmas. Make this the holiday of true sacred honoring. I wish you courage to take back your family's Christmas.



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Community Spirit Awards

Five recognized for giving back to community in art form

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

RAPID CITY – Once again, the First People's Fund graced the Rapid City community with the prestigious "Community Spirit Awards" ceremony and reception at the Journey Museum. The theme of this year's ceremony was "Spirit of Generosity."

Each year the organization awards five individuals who not continue to practice traditional art forms, but who also actively share their art form with others as well as maintain deeply rooted direct ties to their tribal community.

"Artists are absolutely central to producing the tangible, visible forms of creation that help the people know who they are. They manifest the tools that support the spiritual practices of the people: the beadwork and clothing that prepare the dancers for the dance; the pipes for ceremony; the drums and rattles for the songs and prayers," First People's Fund.

Rapid City Mayor Jim Shaw opened the ceremony with a proclamation declaring Dec. 3 as "Community Spirit Day" in Rapid City.

"Tonight we have the privilege of seeing, not only the visions and work of award winning Native American Artists, but an opportunity to share and appreciate many things that we all share on our life journeys—love of family, service to our communities, carrying on of family and community traditions and a general sharing of wisdom that only age can bring," Shaw said before reading the proclamation.

Jennifer Easton, Founder of the First People's Fund was present to share her dream of creating an organization that showcased Native American art and culture.

"First People's Fund began because there was a voice in my heart echoing from my childhood. I wanted people to know that Native art was as varied and diverse and unique as each tribal culture creating it," Easton said.

The Community Spirit Award was started six years ago and according to Lori Lea Pourier, Oglala Lakota, President of First People's Fund, it has surpassed their original vision.

"Each artist represents the heart of our cultural identity, language, ceremonies, songs and generosity. The art is secondary. It is their spirit that inspires us all," Pourier said.

The first award was presented by FPF board member Kalima Rose to Julia F. Parker, 73, Kashia Pomo/Coast Miwok, a basket weaver from Graton, Calif. who dedicated 57 years of her life in the Yosemite Valley learning, teaching and continuing the cultures of her people, especially basketry. Parker travels the country teaching her arts through storytelling and songs.

"Julia goes to the extreme to do her job well. She is tireless in her mission to preserve the traditions of Indian Basketry. No one that I know does



Above: This years "Community Spirit Awards" went to Julia F. Parker, Kashia Pomo/Coast Miwok, Bruce subiyay Miller, Skoskomish, Genevieve Running Horse-Moore, Sicangu Lakota, Nora Marks-Dauenhauer, Tlingit and Alaskan Native and Norman Frank 'Pipe Woman' Sheridan Sr., Cheyenne/Arapahoe. Left: Julia F. Parker, "When I weave the basket, I think of the weavers who have traveled before me."

Horse-Moore.

"As a Native American woman, from the Sicangu Lakota Oyate, I was taught to bead, quill and quilt at an early age. I would watch my mother beading and work with porcupine quills—in those days that's how we learned, we watched our elders. I will help others in our community to keep our ways alive through the wonderful gift of art that was given to me. It is a sacred gift," Running Horse-Moore said.

Ben Sherman, FPF Board member presented Bruce subiyay Miller, Skoskomish, a leading spiritual leader and traditional artist from the Southern Puget Sound Salish people the third award for Basketry, Textiles, Carving, Song and Oral Tradition.

Subiyay Miller, the last fluent speaker of his tribal language and founding member of the Northwest Native American Basket Weavers Association, gave up a lucrative Broadway career to resurrect Skoskomish traditional culture and art.

"He is known for his loving generosity, wonderful sense of humor, deep passion and commitment to traditional culture and above all he is considered a gift to people because of his spiritual healing powers," Michael Pavel his nominator said.

"I want to extend my gratitude on receiving this award to all of our ancestors who left us the gifts that we exhibit today; the gift of the song, the gift of the dance, the gift of story telling and the gift of creativity. As long as we keep these traditional arts alive, we speak for the people. I want to thank the people who nominated me for this award. I never expected any acknowledgement for what I do in life. I merely look upon the things that I do as a personal responsibility to keep what I have alive for future generations," subiyay Miller said.

Don Owen, FPF board member, presented the next award to Nora Marks-Dauenhauer, Tlingit and Alaskan Native who was raised in a tra-

ditional speaking family in Juneau and Hoonah, Alaska as well as on the family fishing boat around Icy Straits, Glacier Bay and Cape Spencer.

Marks-Dauenhauer is known internationally not only for her published work to preserve the Tlingit language and oral literature, but also for her artistic work on plays featuring the Raven. With the help of her husband Richard, she has worked to compile a Tlingit dictionary and has recorded history, stories and oral traditions from Tlingit elders and translated them into English.

"Because of her work, we will now have a written record of our history, both in English and in Tlingit, as well as a first hand glimpse into the lives of our elders. I feel that these publications of hers are a gift to us, as a community and people," Nathan P. Jackson her nominator said.

"I will continue my involvement with creating materials for and teaching in culture camp and language immersion activities. Our curriculum materials face an ongoing, uphill battle with schools and universities, but I will continue the efforts for integration of Tlingit language, literature and culture in the education system. I will of course continue my creative writing for my own enjoyment and in hopes that others will continue to find pleasure and meaning in my work," Marks-Dauenhauer said.

She then shared two poems she had written, one about her experience in the fish canneries in Alaska and the other about the anticipation of visiting Hawaiian fishermen.

Nico Strange Owl, FPF board member presented the last award of the evening to Norman Frank 'Pipe Woman' Sheridan Sr., Cheyenne/Arapahoe for his artistry in Rawhide, Beadwork, Oil, Pencil and Mixed Media. He uses his art as means to help heal and educate Cheyenne people, other tribal people and non-Indians.

"I believe Frank's calling in life is the 'spirit of giving back to his community.' By actively reaching out to his community whether through his art, through his ceremonial obligations, or on the job, he helps the Southern Cheyenne Nation build respect for itself and gain respect from others," Teri Greeves his nominator said.

"My journey started about 35 years ago as I went to my mother Ruby S. Bushyhead and had a handful of mismatched, misshaped, multi-colored beads and asked her to teach me how to bead. Now, I stand being recognized for a gift and talent that she passed on to me that the Creator wanted me to have—at the time I did not realize it was a gift," Sheridan said.

In a gesture of appreciation Sheridan gave aloud aki? a (Cheer) and began to dance in unison to the drum which moved the audience to their feet in applause. During a reception following the ceremony he and his family also presented gifts to members of the First Peoples Fund and thanked them for the honor of being a recipient of this years Community Spirit Award.

Entertainment was provided by Ulali, an a cappella trio featuring Pura Fe Crescioni (Tuscarora), Soni Moreno (Apache/Mayan), and Kreisberg (Tuscarora), Native Thunder Drum Group from the Oglala Nation, Vanessa Shortbull, former Miss South Dakota who is an aspiring comedian and accomplished contemporary dancer and Stephanie Lien, opera singer.

Ollie Napesni from the Sicangu Lakota Nation a 2003 recipient of the Community Spirit Award was also present to recognize Genevieve Running Horse-Moore and express her appreciation for being a recipient of the prestigious award.

Fellowship recipients will receive a \$5,000 stipend designed to give them the opportunity to "practice their art."

"When artists show the meaning of the beautiful things they make, it helps heal the people's spirits and shows how others can also give back. The process of bringing spirit back to community is an important responsibility for artists - it is part of a sacred honor system. First Peoples Fund works strengthen that honor system by recognizing these exceptional artists for knowing themselves, honoring others, and sustaining spirit in their own communities." first People's Fund.



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Rain Archambeau Marshall selected for justice fellowship

By Ruth Steinberger

Lakota Times Correspondent

WHITE RIVER — Recognizing the volume of serious civil rights violations reported by Indians in South Dakota, the prestigious Ira Glasser Racial Justice Fellowship has been awarded to Rain Archambeau Marshall, enrolled Yankton Sioux, for a two-year project for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of the Dakotas.

The project is designed to help tribal activists develop skills in order to facilitate increased legal advocacy for Indians who become the target of racial profiling and other civil rights violations.

According to an ACLU press release, the Ira Glasser Racial Justice Fellowship is designed to address enduring racial inequalities, including social and economic inequalities caused by historical and current discrimination, the Fellows Program provides support for individuals whose work will advance the ACLU's longstanding commitment to racial justice.

The course is on properly developing a written complaint to be used to secure legal advocacy or to be presented to appropriate authorities. The one-day course will be presented on all South and North Dakota reservations as well as in some of the border communities.

Jennifer Ring, Executive Director of the ACLU of the Dakotas, explained what the fellowship is and why it was awarded for this use. Ring said, "Ira Glasser was the national director of the ACLU for 23 years and he had a long time interest in racial justice. Following his retirement in 2001, the decision was made to create a fellowship in his honor. The fellowship was designed to fund individuals to work specifically on racial justice issues around the country."

There are currently six Ira Glass Fellows, three of which are for nationwide positions and three of which are for more regional ones. Six attorneys at the national office, in conjunction with Archambeau Marshall, designed the course for the Dakotas. Ira Glasser participated in the selection process for fellowship candidates and will be involved with their work on an ongoing basis.

ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero said, "While traditional forms of discrimination continue to plague our society, new forms of government discrimination, often unrecognized, have also developed." Romero continued, "Our criminal justice system remains rife with blatant racial disparities, effectively functioning as a successor to Jim Crow injustice."

Ira Glasser said, "The quest for racial justice has entered an entirely new, yet equally important stage. We have yet to develop effective

means for addressing the stubbornly persistent social and economic inequalities created and maintained by centuries of legalized subjugation. The Glasser Fellows will address this new challenge head-on, conceiving novel approaches and, we hope, inventing new solutions for a new stage in the struggle to establish racial justice in America."

The decision to place a Glasser Fellow in Indian Country in South Dakota reflects the seriousness of the complaints received from tribal members in South Dakota. Ring responded, "The ACLU clearly considers tribal issues in the Dakotas very important. If you look at the list of fellows you will see that many of these projects are very large projects, or are even global projects. The reason we received the fellowship in the Dakotas is that we were able to show an overwhelming need here." Ring continued, "There has been a national ACLU recognition of the desperate kind of situation going on for the Plains Indians, very specifically in South Dakota. That is why we have received so much assistance from the ACLU's national Voting Rights Project."

Rain Archambeau Marshall said, "Our goal is to reach the grass roots people on the reservations to provide them with the knowledge and the tools they need to be able to enforce their rights, either through filing a detailed complaint to the ACLU or by giving them other legal resources in order to be able to bring their complaint to the proper local, state or federal agency."

Archambeau explained that first and foremost, "This is about bringing back dignity to the people...it's about changing perceptions and actions by state and federal officials, city governments, towards Indian people. This is about mutual respect and this is about healing, too."

The course covers fourth amendment through the eighth amendment rights, which have to do with criminal proceedings, the right to counsel, the right against self incrimination. The curriculum also covers prisoner rights and excessive force by law enforcement, as well as complaints regarding discrimination in education, employment, lending, housing discrimination, and discrimination by places of business.

Archambeau explained, "Mainly we want to provide people with the knowledge to make long term change. When they deal with law enforcement, and if law enforcement understands that people are increasingly aware of their rights, hopefully



Rain Archambeau Marshall

it will stop some unlawful improper practices that go on, particularly, in the border towns and on reservations where there are joint powers agreements. We hope to change the way law enforcement practices are violating people's rights." Archambeau added, "We have not heard the problems on all of the reservations, because we listen to people as we visit each reservation, but we know they are all similar."

Archambeau said, "Whether or not it is intentional, it is shocking that federal agents, state officers and other officials seem to think that Indian people don't know their rights and expect Indians to give up their rights. They are more likely to respect the rights of people who they think know what their rights are. So we need to make sure people are well informed of their rights."

If people want to have a written complaint reviewed by Archambeau they can bring the complaint to the workshop, but Archambeau stressed that the workshops are for people who want to learn how to help others and they are not for people needing assistance for an immediate legal problem.

Jennifer Ring said, "This fellowship is designed in order to develop a course that can be taught to local activists in the Indian community who want to assist their neighbors in getting civil liberties violations written up. It is designed to train them on how to take those complaints and how to find possible sources of legal assistance, including the ACLU and others. They will be provided with a resource list of service providers who may be able to help them." Ring said, "This grew out of a specific request from a tribal woman who asked couldn't we find a way to help people know when their rights were being violated and how to find

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legal services. This is something we have wanted for a long time and we are very fortunate to have gotten the fellowship.

The course takes the attendees through six types of rights violations that have been common sources of complaints by Indians seeking assistance from ACLU of the Dakotas. The course teaches people how to recognize the basic elements of a violation and attendees are provided with a basic reporting form for each of these violations to use for a basic interview. This will enable an accurate complaint to be documented, even for someone who is not comfortable writing things down.

Ring said, "One problem we see is that in order to get a lawyer to take a case, and a lawyer that is able to take this type of case is rarely close enough for you to just stop by and visit, you must have a lot of information and it needs to be in fairly sequential order, meaning first this happened, then this happened and then the next thing happened. People have a really hard time getting things down in writing, and if they do they rarely have it in this type of useful order. Without having clear information about their case available their chances of getting a lawyer in Denver, Chicago or Minneapolis are reduced, which may be where they have to go to get someone who is able to handle their case." Ring continued, "So the

course takes you through these common rights violations like excessive use of force by police, racial profiling, housing discrimination, and teaches the activist how to help someone get their complaint written down and then look at where to potentially get help for the case."

Ring explained that this also helps if someone needs to go to a private attorney because they will have something in writing that shows the attorney which police department was involved, when did this happen, etc. She said, "This is very basic, but if you don't have this information on hand, or if the attorney has to search for it, you will reduce your chances of getting an attorney."

Ring said, "We are looking for advocacy, we are looking for activists, we are looking for the grandmother who always helps folks out, we are looking for the man who everybody goes to when they are having trouble. We are thrilled when tribal leaders attend, but tribal leaders are very busy with the day to day things running the tribe and cannot be expected to sit down to create formal complaints. We are hoping to have someone in each community and in each housing area, to do this and who are willing to help their neighbors." For information call Rain Archambeau Marshall at 605-259-3437

Lakota mother searches for an adoptive native family

By Anna Bee

Lakota Times Staff Writer

CHADRON — Loretta Dillon, a Oglala Sioux Tribal member and a current resident of Chadron, Neb. is the mother of Kyle Shane Randall, born Dec. 22, 2002. Kyle was born premature at six months and weighed 1 pound 8.5 ounces at birth. Kyle was born with several serious medical conditions that required specialized care, and so was placed in Rapid City Regional Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as Indian Health Services could not provide the necessary specialized care for him.

Loretta lost custody of Kyle to the South Dakota Department of Social Services when she failed to attend a class on medical treatment necessary for her son given by Rapid City Regional Hospital, at 2 p.m. Loretta had called Rapid City Regional Hospital before the class and told them that she had to appear on another matter at the Kyle Court House in Kyle at that time. "I couldn't possibly get there," says Dillon. "but they informed me that if I didn't show up, they would be contacting South Dakota Department of Social Services. They did that," says Dillon,

"and that is when they took him. They didn't even inform me where he was – and I got to the hospital anyway, by 5:30 p.m."

Nothing has been the same since that day. DSS told Loretta that she would be notified by the tribe, through the ONTRAC program about her son. Dillon. Says, "I went up there with the paperwork and asked if they would help me get my son back, and they did intervene and request a transfer back to the tribe."

During the months of court hearings, however, according to Dillon, ONTRAC was unsuccessful in having the case transferred back to the tribal courts. "So, I went to Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Steele and tribal executive board member George Ghost Bear to let them know that the case had been closed.. John Steele got together with the tribal board and they got an attorney, Mario Gonzalez, to observe in my hearings. ONTRAC does not have any attorney of record to properly represent their clients. John also had ONTRAC reopen my case."

The court system one more time did not allow for the transfer of my son's case back to the tribe. I feel that I was not given

proper guidance and advocacy. I had everything ready for Kyle to come home. When the court and DSS decided against me because of lack of home supervision on the reservation. I felt like I was going to collapse. I knew I didn't have anything left. I have other kids. I felt cut off. I didn't know what to do." "I do take partial responsibility for what has happened," says Dillon. "I was on a state income of a little over \$400 a month, and sometimes I didn't have gas money to make the hearings, and ONTRAC doesn't have the funds to support that. I am a product of the state foster system myself," Dillon says. "I was placed in foster care — in a one man foster home. There was abuse. It was reported. They did one unsubstantiated investigation when I was nine, and one when I was thirteen, while I was in his care. They let him adopt me at age 14. I feel like the abuse of the state has never stopped."

In April 2004, after the decision was made not to transfer Kyle to the tribe, Loretta Dillon's parental rights were terminated. She was told that Kyle would be put up for adoption. She has been informed that one native family in California and two families in

South Dakota (ethnicity unknown) are initiating action for adoption.

"The system is so dysfunctional. I know we need advocacy for other people like me," says Dillon. "I know we need more than just a few people working in ONTRAC" Dillon has made a presentation I to the tribe to open a reunification center, for children and parents caught in the system. "We have shelters for abused women, can't we find shelters to help families? We need to work with our issues and become better families."

ONTRAC's office in Pine Ridge could not comment on the case due to confidentiality.

Loretta is looking for a family member to adopt her son.. "His medical condition is now okay," says Dillon. "But what I'm looking for is a relative, so I won't lose him in the system. My mother is Eleanor Woman Dress from Manderson and my father is Ranzie Gunhammer Dillon from Mission. If you are someone that is my relative and can help me, please call Misty O'Neil, South Dakota Department of Social Services in Rapid City. The phone number is: (605) 394-2434.

Means files suit to postpone OST inauguration

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Russell Means has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to postpone the Oglala Sioux Tribe from swearing in the woman who beat him for the tribal presidency until his election appeal is heard.

But Means, in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court last week, contends that Fire Thunder should have never been a candidate because she doesn't live within the exterior boundaries of Pine Ridge, as required by law. Fire Thunder lives in the town of Martin in Bennett County, which shares its north and west borders with Pine Ridge.

Means' suit asks the court to issue a temporary restraining order and require the tribe's Court of Election Appeals to hear his and other residents' appeals contesting the election.

She told the Lakota Times newspaper last month that she's not concerned with Means' complaints about her residency because she contends Bennett County is within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge reservation.

Means said he went to the federal courthouse last Thursday afternoon and was

given an order from U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier saying the suit could not be considered because his motion failed to include a brief containing specific points of law.

Means, who wrote the brief himself, said it's not an issue of points of law and quickly jotted down a handwritten motion before the courthouse closed Thursday asking the judge to reconsider.

He said he simply wants the federal court to intervene, on behalf of the voters, to get the courts on the reservation to live up to their own laws.

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For more information on program, services, and employment, contact the Wanbli Wiconi Tipi at (605) 856-5264.



Math and Literacy night success at Rockyford

ROCKYFORD — Math/Literacy Community Night was held at Rockyford School on Nov. 30. The night was a huge success with more than 50 parents in attendance.

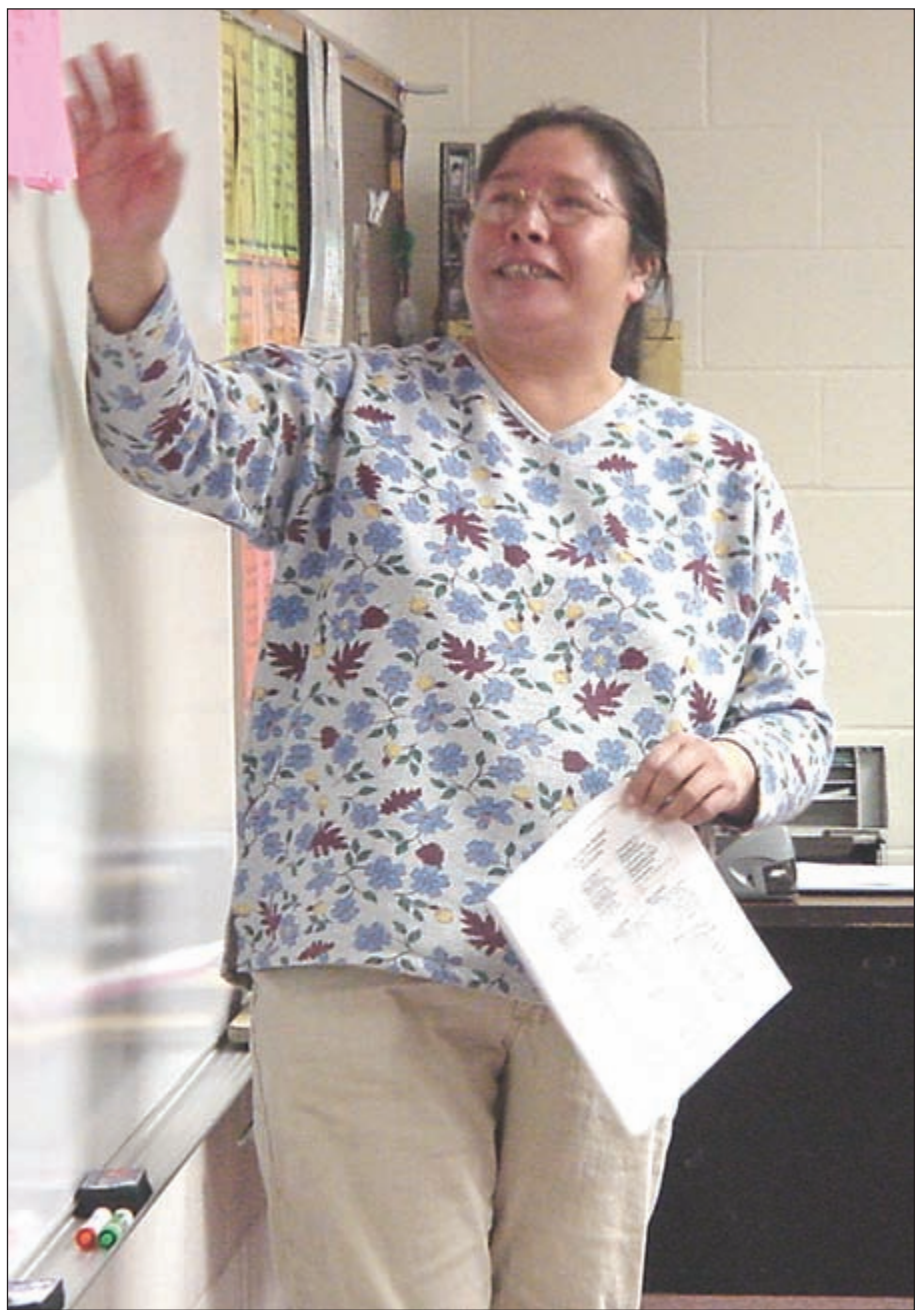
The night began with teachers presenting mini sessions on Math and Literacy and how they pertain to South Dakota state standards. There were movies available for the students that attended with their parents.

The parents went to the gym at 6:30 p.m. for a general session with trainer, Janice Jones, from the Parent Resource Network. She handed out information to help students be successful in school. To culminate the evening a delicious supper was served and there was a drawing for door prizes.

The 14" TV/DVD player was won by Connie Whirlwind Horse, a Ninetendo Game Cube was taken home by Lenny Lone Hill, and Tony Rowland, Priscilla Buckman, and Garrell Little won gift cards to WalMart. Rockyford School will host the second Math/Literacy Night on Jan. 20. Everyone from the community is invited to attend. Lots of information, good food, and great prizes will be available.



Students work on crafts (above) and Janice Jones (right), from the Parent Resource Network worked with parents on resources in helping their children be successful in school. (Photos courtesy of Rockyford School)



By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

PINE RIDGE — The more than \$2 million dollar grant awarded to Pine Ridge Hospital for diabetes prevention is creating new programs through research and analysis that will benefit residents. The first year of the grant funds are being utilized to gather much needed data and plans for future education.

Diabetic coordinator for the Pine Ridge Hospital Evie Weston knows from a personal standpoint the impact of Type II diabetes. Weston has been diagnosed with Type II diabetes for a few years, and knows the impact the diagnosis has on the patient, as well as their family. Weston says, "I know all about the fear factor and denial, and we have at least 1300 active diabetics on the Pine Ridge reservation and there are many more out there that are not active in our system, or seek care someplace else. This doesn't include our dialysis patients and people that haven't been diagnosed yet. All of these people have a lot to deal with, and education can create a longer and healthier outcome."

Evie Weston

record time," said Weston, "for a forward and proactive program of education on the Pine Ridge reservation." The grant of over \$2 million was awarded to Indian Health Services in October, with \$404,000 set aside for planning in the first year. Weston said that they are now in the process of re-educating providers, the doctors and mid-level health professionals, by restructuring diabetic clinics and making the clinics



Local Native Era to debut at LNI

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk
Lakota Times Staff Writer

RAPID CITY — Native Era's "Indian Nations Premier" on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Fine Arts Theater, promises to be the largest gathering of Native American rap artists in hip hop history.

According to Charity Brings Plenty, manager for Native Era, when Lady Hope and Billy Bone planned their debut concert to release their "Tears of the Nation, Our Voice" CD during the Lakota Invitational Tournament, they decided to invite other native rap artists to open for them.

"First it started out as the concert and now it's becoming bigger than we thought. We were going to have just two performers open for them," Brings Plenty, owner of Native E. Entertainment in Omaha, Neb. said.

"Pretty soon we had more and more performers calling us and we just thought we'd throw everybody in there. We thought it would be a good opportunity for all the Native American hip hop artists to get together, get to know each other and

network," she said. The group has received calls from as far away as Virginia and Canada from other Native American Hip Hop artists who plan to attend the event.

Opening for Native Era will be Yaiva, Flagstaff, Ariz., New Generation, Pine Ridge, Rezawrecktion, Mont., Shatta-I, Colo., Cap-T&E the AR Crew, Deadwood, Buggin Malone, Minneapolis, Minn.

Special guests will be Jay Nez from N. M. and the traditional drum group Rez Rhythm from Pine Ridge will also perform.

Native Era, comprised of the Oglala Lakota duo, Lady Hope (Hope Brings Plenty) and Billy Bone (Billy Janis) began rapping on their home turf on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The group originally started with nine members and performed locally at the Sue Ann Big Crow Boys and Girls Club, the Billy Mills Hall and also made appearances on the Cheyenne River and Rosebud Reservations.

In 2002, while working at Big Bats in Pine Ridge, Lady Hope the female rapper for the group said she met Billy Bone who

invited her to become part of the group.

"I liked hanging out with them because we had no alcohol involved in our friendship. They were rapping on audio tapes. Billy's foster dad, Charles McGaw, told them I could sing. I sang for them and they asked me if I was interested in joining Native Era," Lady Hope said.

She is the daughter of Dave and Patricia Brings Plenty and began a singing career with a family band when she was only five years old, "I grew up in a good environment and never had to experience alcoholism in my family. I sang gospel till I was 16 years old."

After joining Native Era Lady began to speak to "anyone and everyone" who was interested in helping the young rap group make it into the mainstream of other well known rap recording artists.

Different from other hip hop artists the group has taken the high road when it comes to their lyrics with a message of "being drug and alcohol free. It was something different. There was nothing like this in Pine Ridge."

Billy Bone, the magic behind the group's

Catalina buffalo going home to the range on Rosebud

Thinning Of Island Herd Protects Native Plants

ROSEBUD —More than a third of the 250 buffalo that live on Catalina Island will be moved this month to traditional buffalo rangeland in South Dakota, a conservation group and American Indian tribes said last week.

The buffalo are descendants of 14 animals brought to the island 80 years ago for filming of the movie "The Vanishing American."



Charlie Colombe

Since being left behind, the herd has thrived on the island, though buffalo traditionally prefer plain grasses to the dry coastal scrub that has been their diet.

As part of an ongoing attempt to keep the Catalina herd at a healthy level and to protect native plants on the island, 100 of the 250 animals will be moved to the Rosebud Lakota reservation in South Dakota on Dec. 15, according to the Catalina Island Conservancy and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, which is underwriting the trip.

Conservancy officials say one option was to auction the animals, as has been done in the past. But last year, the conservancy opted to send buffalo to the plains rather than auction them, a decision that allowed the animals to live out their natural lives.

The conservancy decided this year to carry on the tradition of returning the animals to historic rangeland and to American Indians, to whom the animals are sacred.

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians, which is near Banning, stepped up to sponsor the repatriation.

The Conservancy said the Rosebud Lakota have agreed that this particular generation of Catalina Island buffalo will live out their full natural lives for the purpose of improving herd stock and for cultural enrichment, not for hunting.

"This is a great opportunity and greater honor for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe," said Charles Colombe, president of the South Dakota-based tribe.

"Together, our work will preserve this sacred animal and the culture of the buffalo among Sioux people."

Bill Dyer is regional director of the group In Defense of Animals, which has an ongoing partnership with the Catalina Conservancy. "This relocation effort proves that there can be a humane solution to the problem of wildlife population," Dyer said.

At one point, the herd on Catalina Island is believed to have been as large as 600 head.

Because the island's isolated herd has been kept healthy and free from diseases, as well as from the genetic manipulation of some mainland herds, the population is of special interest to American Indian groups.



Cangleska: Destination Domestic Peace

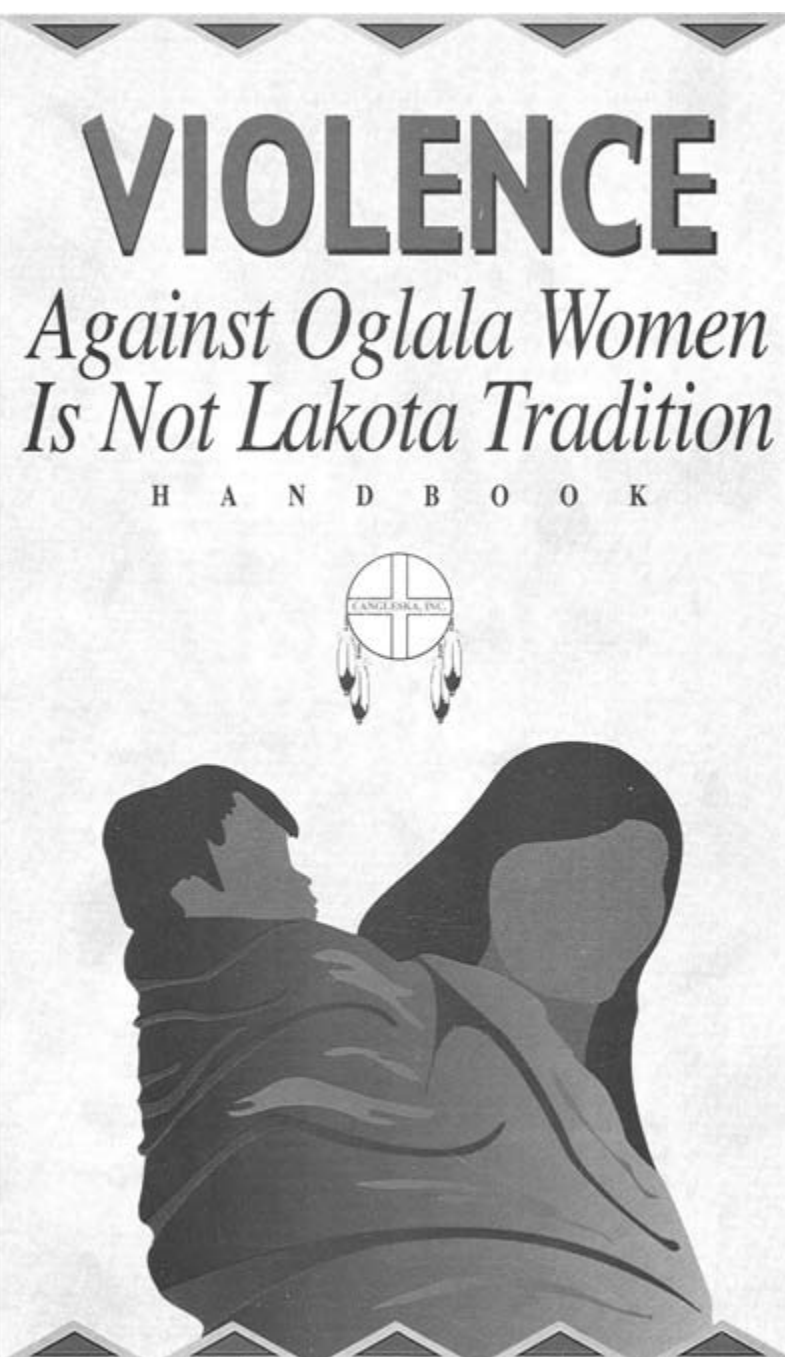
By Anna Bee
Lakota Times Staff Writer

KYLE — "When a man starts being nice, and stops being mean, it changes the direction of the family. He's got a lot of control and he can make it brutal for the children," says Gloria Pourier, Cangleska shelter coordinator.

Cangleska offers services to both women and men concerning domestic violence. "The men's program includes one of reeducation, which is open to anybody that is interested," says Courmoyer. "Most men are court assigned, but the program is open. We'd like to have men join the reeducation program before the courts order him to. Men can call 867-1035 for more information in Pine Ridge and 455-1544 in Kyle."

"We are here to help families," says Courmoyer. "We offer so many services, particularly to women under threat. If they need transportation or legal assistance we can provide that, sometimes they just need advocacy or a safe place. We will provide whatever a woman needs to live a violent free life. We will help her with information and education; how to hold him legally accountable and we work with the probation department."

"Whatever she wants to do," says Courmoyer, "we are as gentle as possible with her. Sometimes women do have to relocate. We help them as much as possible.



Sometimes she just needs to get away from everybody and all of the "should haves" in her life. Children come in with their mothers, and yes, sometimes they just need time to recuperate. They need a place to get away from the chaos and drama and a time out from violence. We never turn anyone away; we will always

make room for them."

We do have a monthly radio show on KILI, we have on-call advocates that can be reached either through the police department or the hospital. We are basically a grass roots organization but we do work with the South Dakota coalition against domestic violence, so that we have a double whammy

politically.

"You know," says Courmoyer, "people do say, what about violent women? Well, the dynamic is different. There is a huge difference, just in sheer threat and strength if a man raises his fist or a woman does. I say which would cause the biggest difference - if all men quit beating their mates or if women did? There are court and abuse laws too if a woman is violent, but if a woman is violent it is usually not as impactful."

"If I could make a difference here," says Courmoyer, "it would be through reminding every man that women are sacred, and that children deserve to be happy this season. To use compassion for women and children, because the women are the ones that make things happen in the world, despite what they are going through."

"Usually," state Courmoyer, "violence is a control/power tactic where the fear factor is used to create control. If women have a problem it is usually in patterns inside of relationships,

what is the pattern and why is she there? If you're going to be abusive, you can be arrested. No woman needs to be afraid and neither does a child. I don't want any woman to be afraid ever, and especially through this holiday season, I want to say, don't be afraid to make that call, it might save your life."

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Drought disaster available for ranchers

By A.J. Lavine
Special to Lakota Times

MARTIN — According to the Bennett-Shannon Farm Service Administration in Martin, the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) covers crops that cannot be insured by multi-peril Federal Crop Insurance.

Crops of this nature would include, but not limited to grass hay, small grain hay, sedan, hay millet, honey and pasture. NAP is obtained from FSA for a nominal fee. Producers with 2004 NAP coverage need to file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the disaster or when the loss becomes apparent. Mike Goetzinger, county executive director said, "With drought I know this can be difficult to determine, but if you have not done so, please contact the County Office now to file this important form." He goes on to say, "Late filed Notices of Loss can not be paid."

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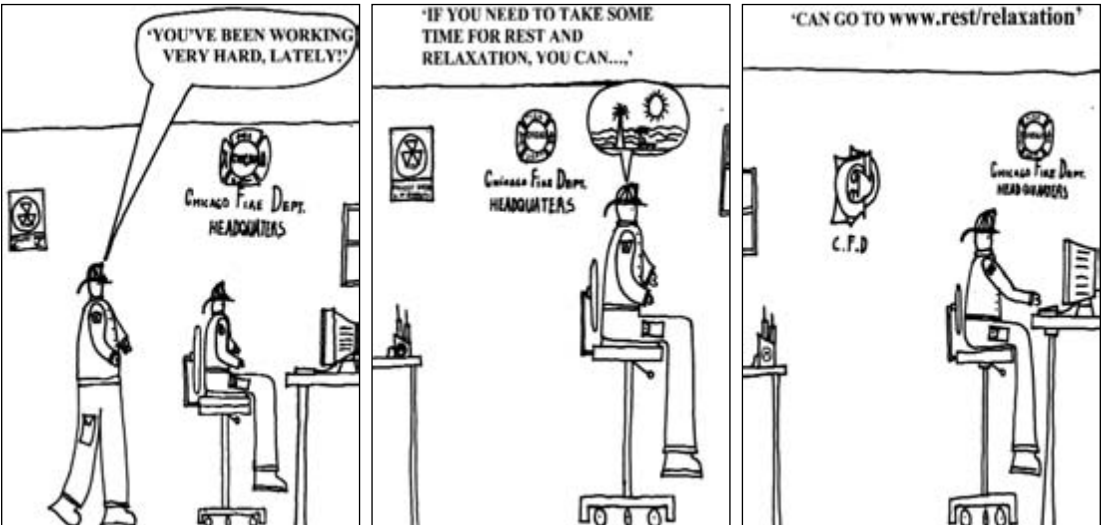
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Black Hills National Forest seeks advisory board replacements

CUSTER - The Black Hills National Forest wants Advisory Board nominations for positions becoming vacant in March 2005. The application deadline is January 15, 2005.

"The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board provides a unique opportunity to serve in an advisory role to the Forest," said Brad Exton, acting forest supervisor. The Board's current members are ending their two-year appointments, and while some have agreed to re-appointment for another two years, new pri-

mary and alternate members will be needed in the following four categories: a South Dakota elected official or his/her appointee; a person holding county- or local-elected office in South Dakota or Wyoming; a tribal government elected or appointed official; and a South Dakota or Wyoming state natural resource agency official.

The Board's purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Black Hills Forest Supervisor on a broad range of forest issues

and to improve cooperative relationships with interested individuals, organizations, agencies, and governments.

Application materials can be obtained online at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/projects/adv_boards/nfa/index.shtml or by calling the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office at 605-673-9200 or visiting the office at 25041 North Highway 16 in Custer during regular business hours.

Organize your winter hay lots

Winter feed costs are one of the highest cash costs of a beef cow operation, states Donald C. Huls, Extension Educator. The message is to feed hay wisely by planning ahead to use selected stacks or bales for specific livestock.

To make the most of your hay resources, feed certain qualities of hay to your animals according to their nutritional needs.

We know that dry, mature cows in good condition can get by on pretty low-quality forage. In contrast, young calves and younger cows need better feed in order to grow. When cows and heifers calve, then the nutrient needs nearly double and they need very good quality feed to maintain growth, to milk well, and to re-breed. One way to provide addition-

al protein and energy that those animals need, is with purchased supplements, which can be expensive.

Another way is to know and identify hay bales that are of high quality that can meet those nutrient needs. To do that, first forage test your hay to determine the nutrient value. Then store good hay separate from lower-quality hay. Make sure you can get to each type of hay when you need it. You'll have well-fed animals with less supplementation.



Dear Anna:

My boyfriend and I had a big fight last week, I have been waiting to hear from him, but so far he has not called. Will he? Is it over? I don't want it to end.

Sad and Broken Hearted

Dear Sad:

Thursday. That is your day. I see that you picked this fight because you were unhappy with his lack of attention to you. You told him you didn't want to see him again, trying to get a response from him that would indicate that he cares about you. That is very dangerous. Men do listen to you, your words are powerful and someday he will take you at your word. He does care, but he has a life that is busy, and if you need constant attention from a man, he is not the one that will supply it. Let him go, or adjust to his lifestyle and don't take it personally. Please don't tell him you don't want to see him again unless you mean it. The next time you tell him that, he will go away for good.

Dear Anna:

I live in another state where I go to school. I am going home for the holidays. There is a guy there that I like and we have been talking on the phone. Recently he quit calling, what is going on?

Heading for Pine Ridge

Dear Heading:

I see that the guy you like has found another. It isn't that he has stopped caring for you entirely, but this other woman has a hold on him. He feels badly, because he didn't expect to become involved with another, and so his loyalties are split. When you get home, you can talk to him, but don't get too involved until he releases this other relationship. He will do that this spring

Dear Anna:

Hey, I've been reading the Lakota Times and seen your email. I have problems with friends that been talking about me and I don't know what to do, if you think they are my friends or not? Cuz they been written me saying they are sorry, I don't know what to say.

Going Wrong

Dear Going:

Your friends are sorry. I think they are embarrassed because you caught them talking behind your back. People do that sometimes, just because they want to have something important to say, and they want to make somebody else like them. You have done that before too. Now you know how it feels and you won't do that again. It hurts people to talk badly about them. Words can cause a lot of grief. Forgive them and go on with your friendship. You guys can be good friends. Decide together, by making a "pact" (promise or agreement) not to EVER talk behind each others backs. Only say about someone what you would say in front of them. They like you; forgive them and have a good time together.

Dear Anna:

I lost my keys. Where are they?

No Keys in Kyle

Dear No Keys:

The key to life is in your spirit. The key to spirit is in your heart, the key to your heart is in your love, the key to your love is in the creator, the key to the creator is in your prayers, the key to prayers is in your faith, and the key to faith is in your life. By the time this is printed, you will have found your keys.

Dear Anna:

I have never talked or asked a question to any person that was psychic or clairvoyant, so I thank you for taking time to read and listen to my letter. As any confused teenager I really don't know what's living for here on the rez. A lot of thoughts go through my mind everyday. At one time I look at the Lakota way of life, when it was dying off. And that's how I want to live my life I said, or I think? I always do good in school I hardly ever messed up. I never was spoiled or anything like that, I never really got my way with anything. A lot of time I always feel like no one really does care. Maybe the love is there from my family, but why doesn't anybody ever want to show it to me? It seems like everyone gets noticed but me. It's like getting left

in the dark or something. I never did do any kind of smoking or drinking 'til this past summer, my friends always did and tried making me. Now I started smoking marijuana, right after I lost one of my close friends in October. From my own point of view, the way I look at it is the reason why I do this because I needed that love. So I went to the next resort of feeling unwanted like no one cares. When I do this I feel better about myself, I feel happy. I give it my best everyday to quit, but it's really hard especially everything that goes on with my family. It seems like I tried everything, but talking to someone. So that's why I am writing to you about this. Please write back, and I thank you again!

Mr. Confused

Dear Confused:

Whew! Life in your time can be hard. I see you making progress. I see you returning to the Red Road, where you will learn respect for others and yourself. As you follow that path you will find respect within yourself for what you accomplish and overcome. As far as being loved by others, please understand that many people do not openly demonstrate their love. Parents are not always good parents, teachers are not all good teachers, and friends are not all good friends. We live with what the Creator hands us, and we have to find compassion for those that do not show love. They remind us to be better parents, teachers, and friends, for we are in charge of what we become, nobody but you is in charge of who you are and who you will be. You already know all the stuff about drinking and drugs. Know any old drug addicts or alcoholics that you admire? It just takes the first drink and the first puff to ruin your life. That goes for everyday. Many people love you and you affect everyone you talk to, everyday. Think of that. You have great impact. Value yourself enough to be the best you that you can be. I see you making your choices in the right way in the future, because you know what it is that you want. You are strong, just be patient.

Cummings to be take office Jan. 4

By Ruth Steinberger

Lakota Times Correspondent

MARTIN — Top vote getter in the recent Bennett County Commissioners election, Newton Cummings shared some of his goals after he takes office on Jan. 4. Cummings attended the most recent commission meeting, and though

he was not yet able to vote he said that he felt welcome and looks forward to working with the commission on the issues they will be facing.

The 911 system was removed from Bennett County and is located in Winner. Noting the number of complaints about the way that system is now working, Cummings said, "I want to look at the 911 numbers and if we cannot bring that system back here we need to do something to have that system working right for people who live here. I want to address the salary scale for the county workers, rather than having to come to the commissioners each time they want to give someone a raise or if there is a personnel issue it has to come before the commissioners. There should be a salary scale in place so it does not have to come before the commissioners each time." Cummings also looks forward to addressing the issue of the improvements of the Allen Road. He said that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is currently awaiting a signature that will enable them to take over the repairs of the road.

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Book Review

Powers-Beck pens book on American Indians in baseball

JOHNSON CITY – “In this book Professor Powers-Beck presents the most extensive compilation of Indian baseball players and related information ever assembled,” Joseph B. Oxendine writes in his foreword to *The American Indian Integration of Baseball*, a new book by Dr. Jeffrey Powers-Beck at East Tennessee State University. “This book is about Indians in organized baseball at all levels, not just the Major Leagues.”

Recently published by the University of Nebraska Press, *The American Indian Integration of Baseball* is the second book written by Powers-Beck, a professor of English who became assistant dean of ETSU’s School of Graduate Studies in the spring of 2004.

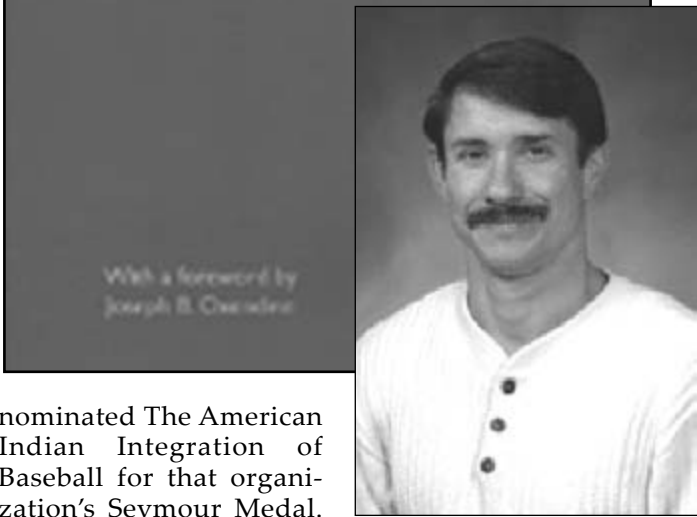
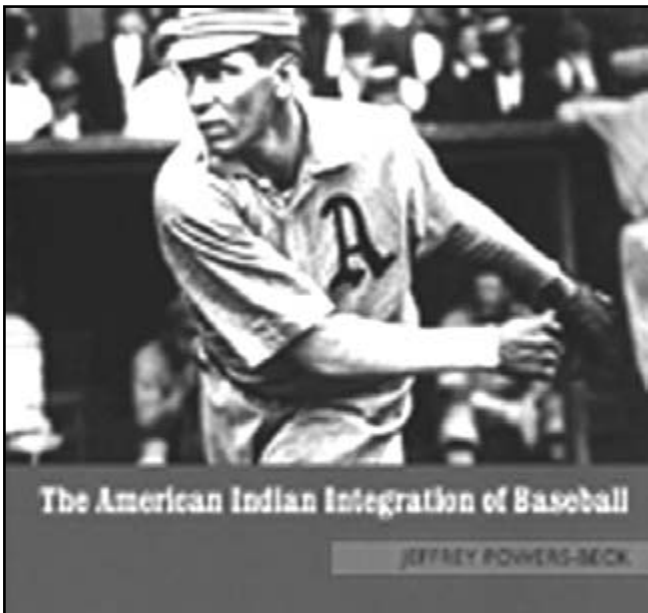
“Reading this book is a genuine treat not only for the baseball fan but for those persons interested in the personal struggles of Indians in the non-Indian world. It is well crafted and reveals a keen understanding of the subtleties of the baseball world and a sensitivity to the Indian personality,” according to Oxendine, author of *American Indian Sports Heritage* and himself a Lumbee from North Carolina.

Preceding Jackie Robinson’s entry into Major League Baseball by a half-century, Louis Sockalexis, of Penobscot lineage, debuted in the big leagues in 1897, and American Indians have had a presence in professional baseball ever since. But, as outlined on the new book’s dust jacket, that presence “has not always been welcomed or respected, and Native athletes have faced racist stereotypes, foul epithets, and abuse from fans and players throughout their careers,” and this book “describes the experiences and contributions of American Indians as they courageously tried to make their place in America’s national game during the first half of the twentieth century.”

Simply put, this work is the first book on the subject. Until Powers-Beck, no one had written a book-length study of the American Indian integration of baseball. “It tells many stories that have never been told about baseball in the federal boarding schools for American Indians, such as Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania and Haskell Institute of Lawrence, Kansas,” said Powers-Beck.

“The book documents the lives of many forgotten Indian players, including Elijah Pinnance, the first full-blooded American Indian to play Major League Baseball; Louis Leroy, a minor league legend who played in the big leagues with Boston and New York; George Howard Johnson, a talented spitball pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds; and Moses Yellow Horse, one of the most exciting players of the 1920s,” according to Powers-Beck, whose work also contains the “first history of the Nebraska Indians, the successful semi-pro Indian team that barnstormed across the nation early in the 20th century.”

Royse Parr, a Cherokee from Oklahoma and a member of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), has



Dr. Jeffrey Powers-Beck

nominated *The American Indian Integration of Baseball* for that organization’s Seymour Medal. Named for the late baseball historian Dr. Harold Seymour and his wife, Dorothy, the Seymour Medal is awarded annually to honor the best book of baseball history or biography published during the preceding calendar year.

Describing the book as a “monumental work” in his nomination, Parr writes: “An article in *The Boston Globe* last August states that Seattle Mariner rookie pitcher Bobby Madritsch was believed to be only the ninth Indian ever in the Majors. During the period 1897-1945, Powers-Beck lists 47 Major League players by tribe and another 85 with suspected Indian ancestry. As a result of meticulous research, this listing is now available for other SABR researchers to seek and discover fascinating life stories of these Indian baseball pioneers and those who have more recently followed them.”

Powers-Beck, who earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from Indiana University at Bloomington and was awarded a bachelor of arts with highest distinction (Phi Beta Kappa) at the University of Iowa, came to ETSU in 1993. He is a graduate faculty member, has served as director of the ETSU Writing-Across-the Curriculum Program, and has chaired the Instructional Development Committee.

In addition to his 1998 book, *Writing the Flesh: The Herbert Family Dialogue*, Powers-Beck is the editor of a book entitled *Elizabeth Major, Printed Writings 1641-1700* (Early Modern Englishwoman Series) and has written numerous articles, book chapters, notes and reference articles, reviews, and conference papers. His teaching interests include English Renaissance literature, lyric poetry, Milton, the Bible as Literature, literary theory and criticism, and composition. Powers-Beck has also designed and taught a variety of courses in English at ETSU and previously at Indiana University-Bloomington.

The son of Arnold J. Beck and Jacqueline Beck of Iowa City, Iowa, Powers-Beck dedicated the new book to his twin brother and “double play partner,” Brian J. Beck, who is an attorney in

Kalamazoo, Mich.

For more information about the new book or its availability at bookstores or through the University of Nebraska Press, contact Powers-Beck at (423) 439-8638.

For many the entry of Jackie Robinson into Major League Baseball in 1947 marked the beginning of integration in professional baseball, but the entry of American Indians into the game during the previous half-century and the persistent racism directed toward them is not as well known. From the time that Louis Sockalexis stepped onto a Major League Baseball field in 1897, American Indians have had a presence in professional baseball. Unfortunately, it has not always been welcomed or respected, and Native athletes have faced racist stereotypes, foul epithets, and abuse from fans and players throughout their careers. *The American Indian Integration of Baseball* describes the experiences and contributions of American Indians as they courageously tried to make their place in America’s national game during the first half of the twentieth century.

Jeffrey Powers-Beck provides biographical profiles of forgotten Native players such as Elijah Pinnance, George Johnson, Louis Leroy, and Moses Yellow Horse, along with profiles of better-known athletes such as Jim Thorpe, Charles Albert Bender, and John Tortes Meyers. Combining analysis of popular-press accounts with records from boarding schools for Native youth, where baseball was used as a tool of assimilation, Powers-Beck shows how American Indians battled discrimination and racism to integrate American baseball.

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Book Review

He’s Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo

By Connie Pich

Special to *Lakota Times*

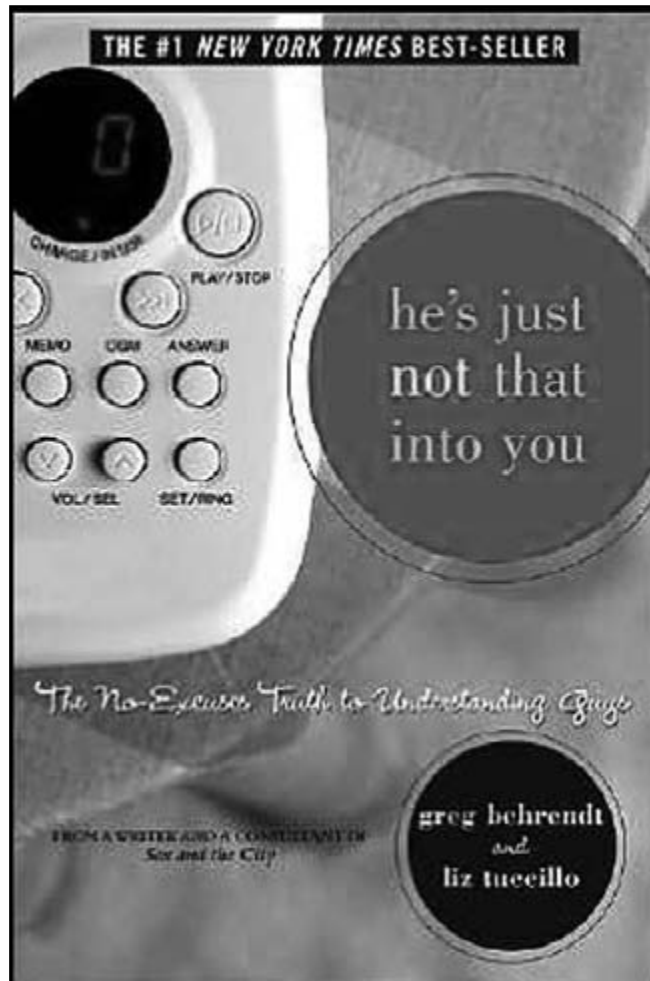
RAPID CITY — It is with great humiliation that I am submitting this review. Yes, humiliation, not humility. I am 50 and single. I have been single longer than I care to mention in a public article. So with that stated, on with the review of yet one more book on dating and understanding men.

For Women Only (You guys already know this!):

Behrendt, a guy, and Tuccillo, a woman, wrote this book because they realized that many women live in fantasy relationships. These fantasies mask reality because, that all important element of a relationship, the guy isn’t really invested.

This is a how-to book to pick up the signals when, the all important element of a relationship, the guy realizes that “you are not the one” but..... keeps you around as filler until “the one” shows up. Now this is not a bad thing- unless I/we pretend that he is doing more than just biding time until “the one” shows up.

The authors give very specific behaviors that indicate when a guy is just not that into you so you can stop the fantasy and protect your heart. The most wonderful message of the book is that I/we deserve to only be in relationships where we are honored, nurtured, and loved fully. This funny and, sometimes, brutal book drives home the point that I/we are fantastic women and need to stop



making excuses for staying in unsatisfying relationships.

The language is a little rough at times to make a point but the Question and Answer format is enlightening. I highly recommend this book to empower yourself if you are woman out there dating. (PS Oprah recommends it too.)

Holy Road

Canku Wakan

Walter Martinez

KYLE - Walter Martinez, 89, Kyle, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at Pine Ridge Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include one son, Molbay Martinez, Kyle; one brother, Raymond Martinez, Kyle; two sisters, Dora Hernandez and Mae Clifford, both of Pine Ridge; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. A two-night wake will begin at noon Saturday, Dec. 4, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall in Kyle. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the church, with the Rev. Frank Schmitt officiating and traditional Lakota services by Mr. John Red Feather. Burial will be at St. Stephen’s Catholic Cemetery in Kyle. Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

Manuel R. Fool Head Jr.

KYLE — Manuel R. Fool Head Jr., 33, of Kyle, died Dec. 3 in an auto accident. Survivors include his sons Delane Gomez and Ryan Bullman and Damian Long Soldier all of Kyle. Daughters are Lacy White Bull and Helena Fool Head all of Kyle.

His parents Manuel Fool Head, Sr. and Sheralda Montileaux both of Kyle.

Two brothers Harold Fool Head and Joseph Fool Head both of Kyle.

Five sisters Lynn Montileaux, Joanna Fool Head, Suzanna Montileaux, Lenora Fool Head and Cassandra Fool Head all of Kyle.

A two night wake service began Tuesday, Dec. 7 and 8 at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Kyle. Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Services with Rev. Cordelia Red Owl officiating. Interment will be in the Montileaux Family Cemetery near Kyle.

Funeral Arrangements have been placed in the care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

Barton S. Merrival Sr.

KYLE — Barton S. Merrival Sr., 73, of Kyle, died Dec. 4 at Kyle of natural causes. He is survived by his wife Evangeline Merrival, Kyle.

Sons Leonard Merrival, Phoenix, Ariz.; Victor Merrival, Everett, Wash.; Barton Merrival, Jr., Kyle.

Daughters Joan Mader,

Lynnwood, Wash.; Susan Allan, Hisle; Carla Lays Bad, Martin.

A brother Joe Merrival, Pine Ridge.

Sisters Delores Griffin, Puyallup, Wash.; Iris Wilson and Judy Merdian both of Pine Ridge; Betty Blaine, Pullman, Wash.

He is survived by eight grandchildren and served in the U.S. Navy.

Visitation service begins at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall, Kyle.

Rosary vigil service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall.

Funeral service will be at 9 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall with Rev. Frank Schmitt, S.J. officiating.

Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

Funeral arrangements have been placed in the care of Sioux Funeral Home of Pine Ridge.

In memory of Shirley Plume

In memory of our mother and grandmother, Shirley Plume, whose birthday was Nov. 18. You are deeply loved and missed.

From Paulette, Pinky, Randy, Tally and grandchildren.

Veterans Day Pow-wow honors many

WANBLEE — During Eagle Nest District’s Veteran’s wacipi, a special memorial tribute was given to Burgess Red Kettle, a WWI veteran and a former long time eyapaha of the district.

Ruth Brown, Eagle Nest District Council representative and Linda L. Marshall, pow wow coordinator organized the Nov. 11 event at Crazy Horse School.

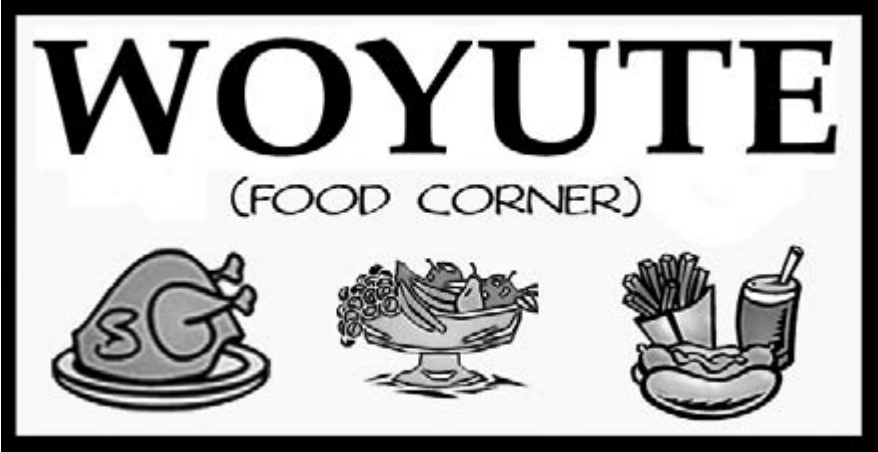
Miss Oglala Nation, Lucille Blue Legs “Kimimila Waste Win” and Little Miss Rosebud/Little Miss Pass Cree, Julie Anna Dubray were among the visiting royalty to participate in the grand entry.

The winners of the contests during the pow wow in each cat-

egory are: Men’s Golden Age: 1st place, Yakima Thin Elk and 2nd place, Jerry Yellow Hawk. Women’s Golden Age: 1st Place, Sandra Black Bear and 2nd Place, Joanne Yellow Hawk. Adult Men’s Traditional: 1st Place, M.J. Bull Bear, 2nd, John Martin, and 3rd, Ira Colhoff, Jr. Adult Men’s Grass: 1st Place, Jackson Red Bird, 2nd Mike One Star Sr., 3rd, Mike One Star, Jr., 4th, Jim Green, 5th, Jason Fast Dog, and 6th, Amber Hairy Shirt. Adult Women’s Traditional, 1st Place, Natasha Cross. Adult Women’s Jingle Dress: 1st Place, Denise One Star and 2nd Place Keisha Cross. Adult Women’s Fancy: 1st Place, Victoria Piper, 2nd Place, Angela little Elk, and 3rd Place, Lucille Blue Legs.

Teen Boy’s Traditional: 1st Place, Isaiah Weasel Bear, 2nd Place, Tyson White Plume and 3rd Place, Lorenzo Red Willow. Teen Boy’s Fancy: 1st Place Canku One Star. Teen Girl’s Tra-

ditional: 1st Place, Tyler Makes Room For Them, and 2nd Place, Patricia Martinez. Teen Girl’s Jingle Dress: 1st Place, Lisa White, 2nd Place, Maxine Morrison and 3rd Place Tillie Garcia. Teen Girl’s Fancy: 1st Place Olowan Win Bad Hand and 2nd Place Ignatia White, Junior Boy’s Traditional: 1st Place, Antwan Bull Bear and 2nd, Emery Little Thunder. Junior Boy’s Grass: 1st Place, Dayton Two Bulls. Junior Boy’s Fancy: 1st Place Chaz White Feather and 2nd, Lane Makes Room For Them. Junior Girl’s Traditional, 1st Place, Catherine White Mouse, 2nd, Tamera Rooks, 3rd, Vina Martinez. Junior Girl’s Jingle: 1st Place, Taralynn Makes Room For Them, 2nd, Julie Anna Dubray, 3rd, Elaina, 4th, Sunshine Arcoren. Junior Girl’s Fancy: 1st Place, Clara One Horn, 2nd, Oskate Win One Star, 3rd, Charlize Arcoren, and 4th, Angel Betelyoun.



Pumpkin Dip

Serve with gingersnaps, vanilla wafers or graham crackers for a sweet treat

- 1-lb package powdered sugar
- 2 8-oz packages cream cheese, softened
- 30-oz can pumpkin pie filling
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger

Blend powdered sugar and cream cheese together until fluffy; mix in pumpkin pie filling, cinnamon and ginger. Cover and chill. Makes 7 cups

Water Chestnut Roll-Ups

- 2 lbs. Bacon, sliced in half
- 3 8 oz cans whole water chestnuts
- 2 cups brown sugar, packed
- 2 cups catsup

Roll one strip bacon around each water chestnut; secure with a toothpick. Arrange on baking sheet; bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bacon is browned. Combine remaining ingredients together; pour half in the bottom of a 3-4 quart slow cooker. Place water chestnuts in slow cooker; pour remaining sauce on top. Cook on low for 1 ½ hours. Serves 12-15

Holly Wreath Cookies

These decorate any cookie plate and make it look like Christmas. They are also delicious. You cannot sneak and eat these cookies, because they turn your lips green! They are so good-most people don't care.

These are my favorite sugar Christmas Cookies

- 4 cups corn flakes (not Frosted Flakes)
- 30 large marshmallows
- ½ cube butter (1/4 cup)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons green food coloring
- Red hot candy

Microwave Method:
Melt marshmallows and butter in microwave on high for approximately 6 minutes or until melted-stirring every 2 minutes. Each microwave heats differently, the time may be longer or shorter. Stir in vanilla and food coloring-mix. Add to mixture corn flakes. Stir gently until green is covering corn flakes- do not over mix. Drop mixture onto wax paper a tablespoon at a time. Place 3 red hots on top. Let cool.

Stove top Method:
Heat butter until melted. Add marshmallows, stirring constantly until melted. Take off heat. Stir in vanilla and food coloring-mix. Add to mixture corn flakes. Stir gently until green is covering corn flakes- do not over mix. Drop mixture onto wax paper a tablespoon at a time. Place 3 red hots on top. Let cool.

Cappuccino Sticky Buns

Easy for Christmas morning while the kids play with there gifts.

- ½ cup maple syrup
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 envelope instant cappuccino mix
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 7-1/2 ounce tube refrigerated biscuits

Combine syrup and butter in a small saucepan; bring to boil over medium heat. Stir in cappuccino mix; reduce heat to low. Continue to stir and cook for one minute; pour into an 8" round baking pan. Sprinkle with pecans; arrange biscuits over the top. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-15 minutes, or until golden. Invert onto a rimmed serving platter. Makes 8 servings.

Ham and Eggs Casserole

Can be done the night before and baked in the morning, so you can enjoy the kids on Christmas morning.

- 6 slices bread (I use sour dough)
- 4 to 5 eggs, beaten
- ¼ cup evaporated milk
- ¼ teaspoon garlic salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1/3 cup cooked, smoked ham diced
- ½ cup shredded milk cheddar cheese

Slice bread horizontally into one-inch thick slices; set aside. Coat a 1-1/2 quart casserole dish with non-stick vegetable spray; cover the bottom with a slices of bread until the bottom is covered with one slice of bread thick. Mix eggs, evaporated milk, garlic salt and pepper together; pour over bread slice. Sprinkle ham over the top; cover and refrigerate overnight. Uncover and layer cheese over mixture. You can leave in refrigerator overnight and bake in morning. Or bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 22 minutes. Serves 6.

Make Ahead Mashed Potatoes



An easy way to make mashed potatoes for your holiday dinner ahead of time so you can enjoy Christmas.

- 10 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cup sour cream
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup onion, chopped
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted
- Garnish: Paprika

Boil potatoes and garlic in a large saucepan until tender; drain and mash. Add sour cream, cream cheese and onion; mix thoroughly. Spread into an ungreased 2 quart-casserole dish; cool. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours; bring to room temperature. Top with melted butter; sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Divinity

I have made this recipe for years. It's good!

- 3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cups water
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup nuts
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- 2 egg whites
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Boil sugar, syrup and water until it forms a hard ball in cold water. Beat egg whites and salt until stiff. Pour syrup slowly into whites while beating. Beat until mixture loses glossy stage. Add nuts and vanilla. Drop on waxed paper.

Marshmallow Cream Fudge

In my cook book this is labeled Fannie Farmers Fudge. I do not know if this is Fannie Farmers Recipe but it sure is good.

- ½ pound oleo
- 3 packages chocolate chips
- ½ bar German Chocolate
- 1 pint Marshmallow Crème
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- dash of salt
- 2 cups nuts
- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 4 ½ cups sugar

Mix oleo, chocolate chips, German chocolate, Marshmallow Crème, vanilla, salt and nuts in a bowl. In saucepan mix milk and sugar bring to a boil. Boil 12 minutes stirring constantly with wooden spoon. Pour sugar and milk mixture over bowl mixture. Stir with wooden spoon until mixture melts. Cool, stirring occasionally. Drop by teaspoon on waxed paper.

Large Batch Cookies

- 1 package chocolate chips
- 1 package M and M's
- 12 eggs
- 2 pounds brown sugar
- 18 cups oatmeal
- 3 pounds peanut butter
- 1 pound oleo
- 8 teaspoons soda
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Mix ingredients together. Drop by teaspoon on to cookie sheet bake for 12 minutes at 350 degrees.

Unbaked Cookies

These are my husbands' favorites.

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup butter
- 3 cups quick oatmeal
- ½ cup coconut
- ½ cup nuts
- 4 Tablespoons Cocoa

Mix sugar, milk and butter together and boil 1 minute. Mix oatmeal, coconut, nuts and cocoa. Pour boiling mixture over this and mix well. Drop on waxed paper. Cool and enjoy.

Pecan Pie Squares

If you like pecan pie and do not like to make the crust or feel one pie does not serve enough people, try these easy pecan pie squares.

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup (1 Stick) butter
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups chopped pecans (coarsely)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 13 x 9 inch pan. For the crust, in a bowl mix the cake mix, butter and 1 egg. Measure out 2/3 cup of this mixture and reserve it for the topping. Pat the

Russian Teacakes

Yeilds about 4 dozen Cookies

- 1 cup butter , softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts
- Powdered Sugar

Heat oven 400 degrees. Mix the butter, 1/2 cup powdered sugar and the vanilla. Mix in flour, salt and nuts until dough holds together.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until set but NOT brown, 10 to 12 minutes.

Roll in powdered sugar while warm; cool. Roll in powdered sugar again.

Friendship Soup Mix



This is delicious gift. It can be tied up in an in expense kitchen towel. You can purchase this type of gift at stores already made, at a much higher cost and not near as nice. It also makes a great project for teachers to have students make for parents Christmas Presents.

- ¼ cup dried split green peas
- ¼ cup dried yellow peas
- ¼ cup peeled barley
- ½ cup dried red lentils
- ¼ cup dried, minced onion
- 2 teaspoons Italian Seasoning
- ½ cup long-grain rice, uncooked
- ½ cup elbow macaroni, uncooked

Layer ingredients in the order listed in a one-quart, wide-mouth jar; attach instructions.

Instructions:
Remove macaroni from jar and set aside. Brown one pound ground beef, buffalo or turkey; drain grease. Spoon into a large soup pot; add:
3 quarts water
1- 28 ounce can of diced tomatoes, undrained
All remaining soup ingredients from above
Cover and simmer for 45 minutes; add macaroni. Cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Makes 16 servings.

It is in giving that we receive.-St Francis of Assisi

Snowman Soup

- 1-oz package hot cocoa mix
- 1 candy cane
- 2 Tablespoons mini marshmallows
- 1 milk chocolate drop

Place ingredients in a plastic zip-ping bag; attach instructions.

Instructions:
Santa says you've been good this year....
I'm always glad to hear it!
With freezing weather drawing near, You'll need to warm the spirit. Here's a little snowman soup, Complete with stirring stick. Add hot water and sip it slow... It's sure to do the trick!

Apple Cider Spice Mix

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cloves
- 1-1/2 teaspoon allspice
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Combine ingredients together; store in airtight contain-

er. Attach instructions. Makes about 24 servings.

Instructions:
Heat one cup cider until hot but not boiling; stir in 2 teaspoons cider spice mix until dissolved. Pour into a serving mug; garnish with a cinnamon stick and a thin slice of orange.

Banana Nut Bread in a Jar

- 2/3 cups shortening
- 2-2/3 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups bananas, mashed
- ¾ cup water
- 3-1/3 cup all purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2/3 cups chopped pecans
- 1-pint wide-mouth canning jars and lids, sterilized

Cream shortening and sugar together, blend in eggs, bananas and water. In another mixing bowl, sift flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves together; mix into banana mixture. Fold in nuts; mix well. Pour into well-greased jars, filling each ½ full; wipe rims clean. Set on a baking sheet and bake at 325 degrees for about 45 minutes; wipe rims again. Put on lids; set on counter until lids ping which means a seal has been made. Sealed jars may be stored in a cool, dry place for up to 6 months; unsealed jar contents should be eaten or kept refrigerated for up to one week. Makes 8.

Santa's Favorite Kettle Corn

Serve it warm from the popper or shape into balls with buttered hands.

- 3 Tablespoons shortening
- ½ cup vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup unpopped popcorn
- ½ cup sugar

Melt shortening with vanilla and salt in a 5 quart saucepan; add popcorn. Heat for 30 second; sprinkle with sugar. Pop corn over medium-high hear; shake continuously. Remove from heat when popping ends; pour into serving bowl or shape into balls.

Holiday Tiger Spoons

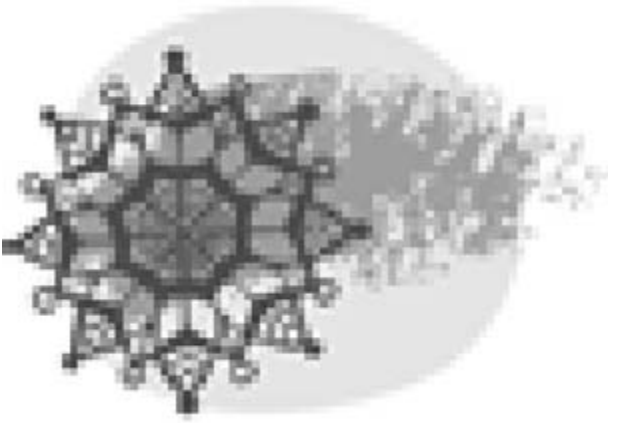
Try these stirred into your coffee for a sweet treat.

Melt semi-sweet chocolate chips with butter in a double boiler or in microwave. Dip spoons into melted chocolate. Set aside on wax paper to harden; dip again until desired thickness is achieved. Melt white chocolate in microwave or double boiler; drizzle over spoons. Set aside to harden; wrap individually in plastic wrap. Makes 2 dozen.

Lickety-Split Pecans

- Ready in 10 minutes
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon baking cocoa
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups pecan halves

Boil all ingredients together for 3 to 5 minutes; stir well to coat pecans. Spread on wax paper to cool; break apart and store in airtight containers, or wrap up in baggies with s red ribbon.



Weekend basketball jamboree time of sharing, learning Williston State raises record to 9-3 with two weekend wins

By Tom Crash
Special to the *Lakota Times*

PINE RIDGE – Sully Buttes and Pierre Riggs high schools brought their boy's and girl's basketball teams to Pine Ridge last weekend for scrimmages with both Red Cloud and Pine Ridge boy's and girl's teams. Bennett County and Little Wound took a similar contingent to Sioux Falls to play both Roosevelt and Washington basketball teams. Although all the teams enjoyed the opportunity of a preseason scrimmage, the real purpose of the weekend activities was to provide a learning game experience for upcoming new basketball officials and a sharing between young people two parts of the state representing two cultures and two lifestyles.

"An understanding and acceptance of different cultures is an important element to social order within our state and country," said Sully Buttes head boy's coach Keith Moore. "This type of an event is a great step in the right direction and it involves young people which makes it even more beneficial."

A total of 15 local officials turned out for the referee's seminar/workshop on Friday evening at the Pine Ridge School gym. Veteran officials Dave Dolan and Kevin Bad Wound directed the workshop which included hands on experience Friday night and game experience on Saturday.

"The hands on experience and the real game assistance during the scrimmages helped with our mechanics and positioning," said Vince Brewer and Todd O'Bryan. Both men referee Big Foot Conference games around the area.

"The weekend worked exactly the way it was planned out as young officials gained new insights into refereeing while teams came together sharing gifts, experiences,



Tate Locust helped the Lady Tetons to a 91-45 win over Mayville State. (Photo by Eric Ladwehre)

games and cultural traditions," said Wayne Carney, executive director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Carney and some of the visiting coaches participated in a sweat hosted by Jerome LeBeau.

Red Cloud and Pine Ridge would travel to Sioux Falls next year while Little Wound and Bennett County would host two of the Sioux Falls schools.

"We struggled in the first scrimmage against Sully Buttes," said both Red Cloud coaches, Ben Winters for the girls and Matt Rama for the boys. Both coaches felt better about their teams after the

Pierre games and felt that the Jamboree scrimmages certainly identified a number of things the teams need to work on at this early juncture in the season.

"It was just a great experience all the way around as schools welcomed us when we arrived, Roosevelt and Washington booster clubs and Sioux Valley Hospital helped to make us feel very welcome, it was a great exchange," said Gary McEldowney, Bennett County principal and athletic director. It's a great opportunity for large schools and small schools, urban and rural, Indian and non Indian to get together and share, added

McEldowney who felt there should be opportunities for Crow Creek, Flandreau Indian and Marty as well.

"We need to follow up this success with additional training opportunities during the year, maybe a team camp during the summer and maybe jamborees for volleyball and football as well," said Bryan Brewer, member of the board of directors of the SDHSAA and executive director of the Lakota Nation Invitational Tournament.

Williston State rips Rocky Mountain for two wins

WILLISTON, N.D. – Laura Big Crow and Tate Locust helped Williston State Lady Tetons to their eighth and ninth wins of the season with back to back wins over Rocky Mountain College JV Friday and Saturday.

In the first game, the Lady Tetons went out to an early lead as Ashley Mayer led the way with 14 points in the first half and staking Williston to a 36-22 halftime lead. Mayer finished with a game high 22 points as the Lady Bears kept fighting back, first closing the gap to ten points, then going down by 19, only to close within 11 at 62-51. Sheneka Lee, a Douglas graduate, hit for 12 points, Locust added nine and Big Crow chipped in four points and five rebounds as WSC finished the game with a 66-54 win.

Williston's Lacey Heiar hit four threes in the first half to open the game up before Williston pounded inside to grab a solid 80-54 win on Saturday night at home. Heiar led the way with 17 points while

**WILLISTON
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West River Conference and Lakota Nation favorite

Dave Michaud, Jr. wins 160 weight class-rated 6th in State at 152

By Tom Crash
Special to the *Lakota Times*

PINE RIDGE — Dave Michaud is in his 15th year as head wrestling coach at Pine Ridge High School, is recuperating from back surgery and is really looking forward to this year's wrestling season.

"We have about 21 young men out for wrestling this year with a great mix of experienced wrestlers and newcomers," said Michaud; "we have five wrestlers who qualified for state last year and we are looking at qualifying seven or eight this year."

Dave's son, "Bulldawg" placed eighth in state last year in the 145 pound class and is rated sixth in the preseason poll at 152 pounds. Dave Jr. is wrestling at 160 this

year after a successful football season and set the tone for the year by winning the Custer Invitational at 160 beating Lead's Blaine Burleson along the way, the second rated wrestler in the State at 160.

Travis Red Owl, a junior, is wrestling at 125 – he qualified for state at 112 last year and placed 8th at Custer, a 16 team invitational last weekend. Senior Matthew Standing Crow is at 152 where he qualified for state last year while junior Philip Rowland, another state qualifier at 160 is now wrestling at 171. Junior Phil Davis is back at 189 where he qualified for state last year.

Kelly Pulliam, a sophomore, took third in Custer at 119. Sophomore Jared Two Bulls took fifth at 215 while seventh grader, Bruce Jacobs, placed seventh at 103 while two seniors, Jeff Janis at 130 and Jacob Two Bulls at 135 each placed 8th.

Wrestlers filling out the lineup for coach Michaud include DJ Clifford, sophomore at 112, freshman Darrel Standing Soldier at 140, senior Brandon Kills Small at 145

and Jay Pond, a seventh grader at heavyweight.

Pine Ridge is at the Gordon Invitational on Saturday and is the favorite at the West River Conference tournament on Tuesday, hosted by Pine Ridge. According to Michaud, nine teams will be at the Lakota Nation Invitational wrestling tournament in Rapid City on Dec. 18, Pine Ridge is favored again and includes Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Todd County, New Town, ND, Red Cloud, Little Wound, St. Labre, Lodgegrass, Mont. and Standing Rock.

Red Cloud looks at a developing year

PINE RIDGE — Clay Leonard is back as Red Cloud High School wrestling coach and has nine wrestlers out for this season. Red Cloud had two wrestlers place at Custer with sophomore, Tanner O'Daniel, taking 8th at 103 and senior Abe Romero

WRESTLING CONTINUED ON B9

New girl's and boy's basketball season opens this week

Potential Region 7A championship opens girl's season

By Tom Crash
Special to the *Lakota Times*

MISSION — Todd County Lady Falcons host the Bennett County Lady Warriors to open the 2004/05 girl's basketball season and both coaches feel that the game could be a preview of the 2005 Region 7A championship game.

Obviously, Pine Ridge, Little Wound and Red Cloud have their own plans for the District 14A tournament and the Region 7A championship game. Pine Ridge won it last year and went on to finish second in the South Dakota State A Tourney in Aberdeen.

Todd County is the defending Lakota Nation champs and is seeded number one for the tournament scheduled for Dec. 15, 16, 17 and 18 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. Sunni Busch is back, a junior at 5'9" averaging 20 points per game, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. Char Wilson is back for her junior year also, standing in at 5'9" and bringing 10 points per game and six rebounds per game. Senior Melissa LaPointe is 5'8" and last year averaged 14 points per game and 2.5 assists per game.

"Last year we just could not handle the physical force of Pine Ridge's Laura Big Crow and we just weren't prepared mentally to deal with the pressure of what it takes to get to State," said Chuck Wilson in his third year as head girl's coach at Todd County. "Our girls worked hard in the off-season to get stronger and we set team goals of winning the LNI, earn the number one seed in the district, win the region and not just go to state but to win the state championship."

Todd County's other two starters include 5'10" junior Rosebud Haukaas and 5'8" sophomore Tia McCloskey. Summer Folkers, a 6'0" junior will compete for a starting spot along with two transfers from St. Francis, Carrie Two Lance a 5'8" junior point guard and 5'10" sophomore Cali Brave. Todd County's roster is filled out with Charlotte Gentry, a 5'6" sophomore guard, Rose White Hat, a 6'0" senior, Nicole Stone, a 5'8" senior and Diane Swift, a 6'0" sophomore.

After hosting Bennett

County on Tuesday, the Lady Falcons host Valentine on Friday.

Bennett County has a new head coach as Jeff Krolkowski and Carmen Johnson have switched roles this year. Abby Kravovil is back this year for her junior year and at 6'1" will be a force to reckon with.

"Abby spent the summer with the Mt. Vernon team, traveling the region and playing a lot of basketball," said Krolkowski; "she has a much better understanding of the game and she has worked hard at getting stronger."

Maggie O'Neill, a 5'11" sophomore is back along with Mary Kay VanderMay, a 5'4" junior, Kayla Porch, a 5'4" junior, Mary Jo May, a 5'6" sophomore and Katrina Donovan, a 5'7" junior.

"We have a lot of depth this year and we are going to work hard at maintaining our intensity throughout a game," added Krolkowski.

Rounding out the roster is Katie Smith, a 5'7" senior, Stacy DuBray, a 5'7" senior, Cheryl Three Stars, a 5'5" junior, Katie Fisher, a 5'6" junior, Keely Krolkowski, a 5'6" freshman and Whisper Janis, a 5'10" junior.

Bennett County participated in last weekends jamboree in Sioux Falls taking on Sioux Falls Washington and Roosevelt as a warm-up for the season. After opening at Todd County on Tuesday, Bennett County will host St. Francis on Thursday.

Pine Ridge Lady Thorps open their season by hosting St. Francis on Tuesday and then travel to the Elk Point/Jefferson Classic on Saturday. Little Wound opens by hosting Red Cloud on Thursday. Marty is at Lower Brule and Cheyenne Eagle Butte is at McLaughlin on Tuesday. Crazy Horse is at Lower Brule on Thursday, while on Friday, Dupree is at Crazy Horse, Takini is at Wapakala and Marty is at Flandreau Indian

For the boys season, Bennett County is at Red Cloud on Friday, Standing Rock is at Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Marty at Flandreau, Midland at Lower Brule, Selby at McLaughlin and Takini at Wapakala.

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And to all our November babies!**

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HAPPY BELATED B-DAY TO:

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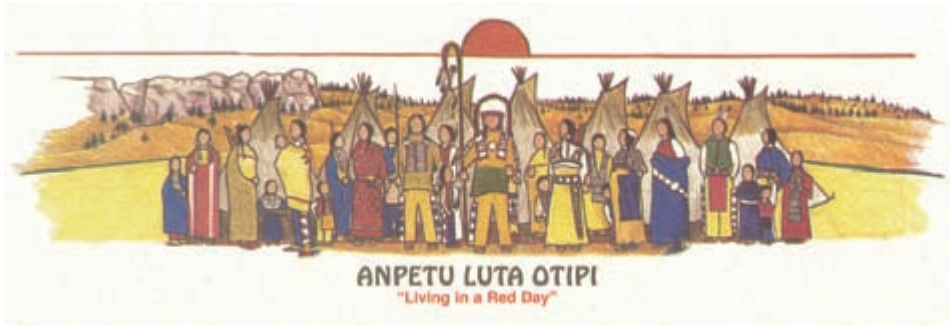
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- Adults: Male or Female 18 years of age or older
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- Consent by the parent or legal guardian must be given, in writing, in order to provide services to an adolescent.
- Degree of Indian Blood or Tribal Enrollment Number
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Tate Locust hit for 13 points inside and grabbed five rebounds and Laura Big Crow added another 12 points in the paint.

"We like to establish that inside presence and if our post players work hard they will get a lot of touches," said Hunter Berg, Lady Tetons head coach referring to first year players Locust and Big Crow who have both made their presence felt inside for the Lady Tetons this season.

Now 9-3 on the year, Williston hosts Peninsula College on Friday and Briercrest on Saturday before heading into a long 26 day holiday break. Their first conference game will be hosting North Dakota State College of Science on Jan. 6.

South Dakota State loses heartbreaker at the buzzer

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — After leading by as much as 17 points in the second half with 8:25 left in the game, the South

Dakota State University Jackrabbits let the game slip away as Mike Nelke hit a three pointer at the buzzer to give Southeast Missouri State a 59-58 victory.

SDSU went down 9-0 early in the game, Mackenzie Casey came off the bench to connect on a three point play to get the Jacks on the board. They led 31-28 at the half and built a 17 point lead midway through the second half. SEMO hit some big threes and SDSU missed free throws down the stretch. The loss put the Jackrabbits record at 1-5 and winless against Division I opponents in five road games.

SDSU played University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Tuesday and suffered their worst loss struggling against the Panthers full court press and finishing up with an 89-54 loss. The Jacks travel to Milwaukee on Tuesday to play Marquette and to Denver on Saturday for a game with the University of Denver before returning to Brookings for just their second home game, Dec. 18th against

Michigan Tech. In six games Casey leads the team in assists, is second in steals and is averaging three points per game.

Augustana splits this week, Taken Alive out with injury

MOORHEAD — The Augustana Vikings got a 71-67 win on Tuesday on the road against Minnesota State University/Moorhead and returned home to host Wayne State College taking it on the chin 97-75. Ray Taken Alive, a freshman from McLaughlin, played just three minutes against MSN and didn't dress for the Wayne State College game, Taken Alive ahs been dealing with shin splints.

Augustana is now 5-3 on the season and begins a three game homestand hosting Northern State on Tuesday, Peru State College on Thursday and Southwest Minnesota State University on Saturday.

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placing 7th at 130.

Additional wrestlers for Red Cloud this year include: Todd Janis and eighth grader at 103, Atsushi Ueno, a junior at 119, Catlin Clifford, a sophomore at 125, Jacob Franks, 8th grade at 189, Andrew Twiss, a ninth grader at 189 and senior Jeff Elk at heavyweight.

Red Cloud lost Casey Coates, a state qualifier, to graduation and Kyle White, a state qualifier, to a transfer to Rapid City Central.

Red Cloud will wrestle in Gordon on Saturday, participate in the West River Conference on Tuesday and the Lakota Nation on Dec. 18.

"We are young but I'm encouraged that by the end of the season, we will develop and

be competitive," said Leonard.

Little Wound looks at five possible state qualifiers

KYLE — Chris Janis has been involved with wrestling at Little Wound for each of the five years it has been back. This is Janis' second year as head coach after being an assistant for the first three years.

"We have 13 athletes out this year with some seniors with experience and some young wrestlers who have been on the AAU circuit," said Janis as he looks forward to a new year on the mat.

Wrestlers at Little Wound this year include: Jerren McBride/12 heavyweight, Nick Bissonette/12 215, state qualifier

Louden Whirlwind Horse/12 189, Alvin Tyon/11 171, Elijah Whirlwind Horse/12 160, Tyler One Horn/7 160, Tristan Little White Man/10 152, Richard LaMont/7 145, Bud Red Blanket/10 145, Darrel Mills/12 145, Shilo Amiotte/9 130, Joe Elk/7 103, Kyle Clifford/7 103 and eligible in January is Greg White Face/12 135 and Jeremy Buckman/11 heavyweight.

"We are still sorting out who will wrestle at which weight and still dealing with the best weight for each person and what they have to do to maintain in in a good manner," said Janis; "we have some good workers this year and I see the possibility of as many as five qualifying for state."

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1:30-2:15 Listen to your heart - There is light at the end of the tunnel (Suicide Prevention)

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

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11:00-11:45 There is no "I" in team (team building) - Kevin Peniska, Sr.

Lunch On Your Own

1:30-2:15 "Breaking It Down" - Reality check - HIV/AIDS, It's here!!

2:30-3:15 Prairie & Michelle Building Community and School Pride Through Involvement Chance Rush

Presenters: Tiny DeCory, Chance Rush, Doni DeCory, Mary Tobacco, OST Yo Staff, OST Health Education, Kevin Peniska Sr., Prairie Blacksmith, Michelle Eagle Elk, Franklin Cook & Will Peters.

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PROGRAM DESIGN

The Intent of our youth program is to develop programs that recognize the different needs of youth - in school and out-of-school ranging in ages 14-21.

Various programs are being designed to address these individual needs. Being able to provide our youth with the resources needed to assist then in their career decision for the future is of our main focus area. With the development of more intense individual focus, high quality standards, combined with volunteer work, paid/unpaid work experience, strong leadership, and development activities, we expect to prepare youth for the workforce and assist then to become contributing members of their community.

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1. Provide services to eligible youth seeking assistance in achieving academic and employment success. Providing comprehensive activities, which include a variety of options for improving educational and skill competencies and provide effective connections to employers.
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